

# RUTH STUDY

## CHAPTER 2:8-17 pt.2

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

## ***The Romance of Redemption***

The Gospel According to Ruth

### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## ***“Falling in Love God’s Way”***

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### **The ‘Sentence Summation’ of the Text**

The word “Love” is a self-sacrificing “verb” *which offers itself without demands. “Love” - True Love, God’s Love, is this familiar word we known called “Agape”. But do we know “Agape” love? It is love that God desires us to have for one another for sure, but also in regards to that intimate relationship between a man and woman as we see here in the lives of ruth and Boaz. Just the same is Christ toward his church!*

## ***“Falling in Love God’s Way”***

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## **Ruth’s Situation Has Really Become Our Situation**

### **Ephesians 2:11-19**

*Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- <sup>12</sup> that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

# Ruth - Though a Gentile, Became a Jewish at Heart

**Romans 2:28-29**

*For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; **29** but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.*

## ***“Falling in Love God’s Way”***

### **1.) Boaz Met Ruth For the Very First Time**

**vv. 4-7**

*1a.) We Saw The Nature and Character of Mr. Boaz vv. 4*

*1b.) We Saw His Eyes Meet Her in the Field vv. 5*

*1c.) That Ruth’s Dedication to Follow God Paid Off vv. 6-7*

# Obedience

Always Produces Blessings

## ***“Falling in Love God’s Way”***

### **2.) Boaz Offers Protection for Ruth**

**vv. 8-13**

*2a.) Offers Protection By - Taking Charge*

**vv. 8**

Then Boaz said to Ruth,

"You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women.

Then Boaz said to Ruth,

### **Boaz Speaks to Ruth First**

Never in that Culture would a woman Speak to a man first

Not only that, but Boaz was the Lord of the Harvest  
**the woman at the well & Jesus**

(This is a very cute,  
romantic Moment here)

# You Listen to Me Sweetheart - Please Boaz is Falling in love as we Read

We see this in Several Ways:

2b.) Offers Protection By - Showing Love	vv. 9
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Verse 8

**#1** - **Do not go** (to glean in another field, nor go from here,  
but stay close by my young women.)

Boaz Lovingly Offers Protection for Ruth

**#2** “**Let your eyes be** on the field which they reap,  
and go after them. - ((Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you?))

**#3** And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have  
drawn."

## In the same way - Jesus,

Propelled by Desire and Driven in Love Offered Himself Willfully

**1 John 3:16a**

*By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.*

Hebrews 12:2

*looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...*

## ***“Falling in Love God’s Way”***

2c.) Ruth is Humbled By Boaz’ Display of Favor vv. 10

So she fell on her face, and bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

# Ruth’s Reaction to Such Care and Concern

??? What Was She Feeling and Thinking???

Were there tears in Ruth’s eyes.....  
.....tears of joy and appreciation?

**“Grace & Favor”**

**Should Always have this Effect in our Lives**

??? Did Either One Of Them Sleep That Night???

Song of Songs 5:2a

*I sleep, but my heart is awake; it is the voice of my beloved!*

*(ANTICIPATION IS BUILDING)*

Verse 10b

that you should take **notice** of me, since I am a **foreigner**?"

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**Notice**

**HEB 5234 nakar (naw-kar');**

to look with intensity toward another with, care, respect, & reverence

\* **Foreigner** HEB 5237 nokriy (nok-ree');  
one who is different in customs, culture, language and styles

## A Real-Life Cinderella

I think in every culture, and in every woman's heart  
there is that desire to experience life in the context of romance and meaning

I Think the Lord has made it that way...  
And I think it's right and should be maintained and expected and work towards

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Many Christians Begin Their Dating and or Courtship  
Years with High Standards and Goals...

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Hey Jack, Face Reality, Everybody's a Jerk,  
He's a Booger and She's a Snot  
That's Just the Way it is...

**John 10:10b**

*I have come that you may have life, and that you may have life more abundantly.*

**Ephesians 3:19-20**

*to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,*

**That Guy that you're interested in - do you respect his walk with Jesus**  
**That Girl that you're interested in - do you admire her relationship with God**  
**Is there a godly standard and quality about them that encourages you to draw closer to God?**

Verse 10

**Why** have I found favor (grace) in your eyes,  
that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?

# She Knew That She was Not Worthy of God's Goodness

## Ruth's Psalm

### Psalm 13:5-6

*I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.  
I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.*

### Psalm 73:1a

*God is good*

### Psalm 34:8a

*the LORD is good;*

**Why** have I found favor (grace) in your eyes,

## Three Basic Reasons (*at least*)

- |                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| #1 - Your <b>Beautiful</b> to Me | The physical Attraction was There |
| #2 - I love <b>Who</b> you are   | You're Naomi's Friend             |
| #3 - I love <b>What</b> you are  | That you are a woman of God       |

### Proverbs 31:10

*(Lemuel or Solomon) - maybe having grandma ruth in mind?  
Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.*

## Verse 11

And Boaz answered and said to her,  
"It has been fully reported to me;

1. All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband,
2. And how you have left your father and your mother
3. And the land of your birth,
4. And have come to a people whom you did not know before.

(Boaz May Have Been Thinking of His Father in Faith -  
Abraham at the Point)

*The Hebrew Psalm of Love* **Psalm 45:10-11** *The Hebrew Psalm of Love*

*Listen, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people, and your father's house; So the King  
will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord,*

## Boaz Lovingly Offers Protection for Ruth

2d.) Offers Protection By - Praying for Ruth

vv. 9

### Verse 12

"The LORD **repay** your work, and a full **reward** be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

## Boaz Prays for Ruth

What Encouraging Words To Hear

### Verse 12a

"The LORD **repay** your work

## Part-1 of His Prayer

\* **Repay**      **HEB 7999 shalam (shaw-lam');**  
to be safe in mind, body or spirit by causing there to be a full end,  
a finish, a fullness to life. To make very good, one's life in every way

Boaz Encourages Ruth through prayer  
that God is working and watching over Her to bring Her good and blessings

### Verse 12b

and a full **reward** be given you by the LORD God of Israel

## Part-2 of His Prayer

\* **Reward**      **HEB 4909 maskoreth (mas-koh'-reth);**  
to acknowledge your faithfulness to God

Boaz Encourages Ruth through prayer  
that God is keeping a record of the good things that she has practiced in life

Verse 12c

under whose wings you have come for **refuge**

## Part-3 of His Prayer

\* **Refuge**      **HEB 2620 chacah (khaw-saw');**  
to run towards someone for protection and provision, to confide  
in or to find deep peace and comfort in someone (God)  
& it will become Boaz

### Exodus 25:20

*"And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat."*

### Psalms 46:1-2

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, (with a little 4.3)  
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;*

Boaz Encourages Ruth through prayer  
“**You Have Come**” meaning you have joined me in trusting God

A Young Woman -  
Her Witness of being Committed to the Lord is Obvious to Him  
What Encouraging Words To Hear  
The First Encouraging Words Recorded  
Since She's Left Moab

These words were so easy for Boaz to utter...  
...and so wonderful for Ruth to hear



**Acts 14:21-22**

*And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."*

**Hebrews 10:25 NIV**

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Verse 13

Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord;

1. for you have **comforted** me,
2. and have **spoken kindly** to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

Here's a great example of saintliness  
being lived out in these two lives

Ruth is an example of the believer -  
*stable and calm in the midst of the tribulations of life*

Boaz is an example of the believer -  
*a man of grace and gentleness in word & action*

**Both Together as One**

They are examples that #1 - The outward situations do not have to mar or distract the Christian. #2 - That faith in God is still the only way to find true peace in this life. #3 - That by obeying God's word we can have confidence that he will do beyond what we can expect.

***"Falling in Love God's Way"***

3.) Boaz Vows to Provide for Ruth

v. 14-17

# “Ruth, Would You Like to Have Dinner With Me”

## When Love is True and Sincere

It will be manifested in Actions like Boaz is Demonstrating here

#1 - Protection and #2 - Provisions

By way of showing her favor and kindness,  
He speaks comfort and encouraging words to her

3a.) Showing Her Favor By Providing for Her

vv. 14

Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.

## In the Hebrew it Reads Like This...

and he reached for the bread himself..... and gave it to her  
and she ate and was satisfied,

## Do You Think There Was Any Eye Contact?

An act of love and acceptance and favor  
Jesus Did this To Judas - He Handed Him the Bread

Eating in that culture is an act of acceptance

**Once in Moscow (at Kawha's Flat)**

and she **ate** and was **satisfied**,

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**Ate**

**HEB 398 'akal (aw-kal').**

to dine, to eat freely having plenty (new foods)

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**Satisfied**

**HEB 7646 saba` (saw-bah').**

to have more than enough, to be filled up with good things,  
material and of the soul

(Satisfied in the tummy and in the heart)

## Just One Day In Her Life

She Started Her Day Out Hungry - She Ended it Full

Boaz had given her

Affection, Position, Favor, Love & Food

Guy's Ruth Could Eat - amen

Revelation 3:20 NIV

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

Jesus Loves to Eat

John 21:12a

*Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast."*

3b.) The "Guarantee" of Favor is Provided

vv. 15-16

## Guaranteeing Favor In Three Ways

Verse 15-16

And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying,

#1 - "Let her glean **even among the sheaves**, (the best) and

#2 - **do not hinder** her work.

#3 - "Also let grain from the bundles **fall purposely for her**; leave it that she may glean, and **do not rebuke** her."

No Restriction / Let her Harvest where the Reapers are  
Harvesting / Pour some of what you have reaped and drop it

What was being provided to Ruth

this had not been done before for her

## The Example of Joseph

**Genesis 43:34**

*while in Egypt Joseph at meeting his brothers, give them 5 times the amount of grain that was normal to offer*

## The Example of Christ in This

**John 15:11-13**

*"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*

**John 16:24**

*"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

## Verse 17

So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned,  
and it was about an ephah (30 lbs.) of barley.

An ephah of barley

Approx. six days' worth of food

**Boaz had provided**

reasons FOR RUTH TO BE CONTENT.

**CONTENTMENT PROMOTES CREATIVITY,  
CREATIVITY SPAWNS VISION**

**Galatians 6:2**

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

# You're a Living Example of God's Grace, His Divine Favor

## When We Had No Strength

**Romans 5:6**

*For when we were still without strength, in due time  
Christ died for the ungodly.*

## When We Were Sinners

**Romans 5:8**

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## When We Were His Enemy

**Romans 5:10a**

*For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the  
death of His Son,*