

Series: The Gospel According to Ruth

Sermon: Determined

Main Scripture: Ruth 2 (NASB)

Supporting Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31; Romans 5:8; Leviticus 25:25-55; Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

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Message Takeaway: God is determined to use the faithful and obedient to accomplish His good and perfect will. Being faithful and obedient takes determination.

Supporting Thoughts:

- Boaz: “In him is strength.”
- If you’re waiting for God to provide, maybe He is waiting for you to take that first step.
- God’s quiet hand is always at work in our lives.
- You can’t separate your faith from facets of your life.
- In what “field” is God emphasizing you to remember His presence and blessing?
- “We never know ahead of time the plans God has for us.” (Chuck Swindoll)
- Hebrew “*hesed*”...the lovingkindness and favor of the Lord.
- Kinsmen Redeemer: A close relative who is able to come to the aid of a family member. (Lev. 25:25-55; Deut.25:5-10).
- Boaz is not a man of loopholes. He’s a man of grace.
- CHALLENGE: Show God’s “*hesed*” to others daily. (God’s kindness, love and grace)

Discussion Questions

- How does God provide for the vulnerable today? What’s the equivalent of leaving “grain in the fields” as we are the hands and feet of Jesus in a broken world?
- What do you most admire about Ruth so far? How could you imitate her character?
- What do you most admire about Boaz so far? How could you imitate his character?
- How can you exemplify *hesed* daily like Boaz? In what ways can you show generosity, compassion at work, school, home, church, etc.?

Sources/Theologians/Scholars: Warren Wiersbe (Old Testament Commentary), Eugene Peterson (Five Smooth Stones For Pastoral Work – Ruth), J.Vernon McGee (Through the Bible Commentary), Tony Merida (Ruth for You), Kris Langham (Through the Word Bible App), Sandra Richter (The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament).