

I. INTRODUCTION

II. DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS (Ruth 1)

III. GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL HOPE (Ruth 2)

A. The Willingness of Ruth

1. Boaz is introduced as a wealthy, virtuous, and distinguished _____ of Elimelech. (Ruth 2:1)
 - a. The name of Boaz means "_____."
2. Because Ruth and Naomi were in need of food, Ruth _____ go and glean in the fields during harvest season for both Naomi and herself. (Ruth 2:2)
 - a. Once again (like 1:22), Ruth is identified as a Moabitess; the _____ of this heroine is an _____ part of this story. (Deu. 23:3)
 - b. The Mosaic Law provided for the poor during harvest season; the landowner was _____ to reap the "_____" of his field, but _____ it for the poor. (Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:21-22)
 - c. Ruth was willing to _____ Naomi, not wait to be served by Naomi. (Matt. 20:28)
 - d. Ruth displayed a _____ and _____ attitude. (Jam. 4:6)
3. The author informs us that Ruth just "HAPPENED" to reap in the fields of Boaz, but we know this was _____ in the providence of God. (Ruth 2:3)

B. The Graciousness of Boaz

1. As we continue to learn more about Boaz, we discover that he was a _____ boss who seemed to genuinely care for his workers as they do for him and he "happens" to notice a certain young woman gleaning in his field. (Ruth 2:4-5)
2. The servant reported to Boaz 3 important things concerning Ruth...
 - a. ...she was the _____ that returned with Naomi. (Ruth 2:6)

- b. ...she humbly asked for _____ provision for collecting the grain. (Ruth 2:7)
- c. ...she was a _____ worker. (Ruth 2:7)
3. Next, we see Boaz address her personally, showing her _____, asking her to abide in his fields. (Ruth 2:8-9)
- a. Ruth was to continue to glean in _____ his field. (Ruth 2:8)
- b. Ruth was to stick _____ to his female servants in the field. (Ruth 2:8)
- c. Ruth would be _____ in his field. (Ruth 2:9)
- d. Ruth would be provided _____ from the workers vessels. (Ruth 2:9)
4. Ruth's responded in _____ and _____, wondering why she has found favor from Boaz. (Ruth 2:10)
5. Boaz answered her in two ways...
- a. ...first, by detailing her _____ of loyal love for Naomi and leaving her family. (Ruth 2:11-)
- b. ...then, by praying for God to reward her faith because she sought _____ from the true God, the God of Israel. (Ruth 2:12)
6. Ruth was _____ and she was _____ by his kindness. (Ruth 2:13)

- How can we apply what we learned today?