

Ruth Ruth's Humble Service

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² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "**Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain** behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." ³ So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, **Ruth 2:2-3a, NIV**

Ruth asked Naomi for the privilege of _____.

⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "**The LORD be with you!**" "The LORD bless you!" they answered. ⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "**Who does that young woman belong to?**" ⁶ The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi." ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. **I have told the men not to lay a hand on you.** And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled . . . I've been told all about **what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband**—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. **May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.**" ¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, **he offered her some roasted grain.** She ate all she wanted and had some left over.

¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her

gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ **Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her.**" **Ruth 2:4-9,11-16 NIV**

Boaz was a reflection of the God he served.

He extended God's _____.

He was _____.

He was _____.

He was _____.

¹⁷ So Ruth **gleaned in the field until evening.** Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸ **She carried it back to town,** and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and **gave her what she had left over** after she had eaten enough. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!" Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said. **Ruth 2:17-19, NIV**

Ruth was a reflection of the God she served.

She went _____ on service.

Her service was a tremendous _____ to Naomi.

²⁰ "The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "**He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.**" . . . ²³ So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law. **Ruth 2:20,23, NIV**

MEMORY VERSE

¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." **Ruth 2:12, NIV**

Bottom line: We have been blessed by God with gifts for service. Our service is a reflection of God's love for us and a blessing to those around us.

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