

3–*Ruth 2:1-17* (Boaz & Ruth Meet)

I. Introduction.

- A. Can you remember hearing about someone (before you met them) that seemed too good to be true, what made it seem so?
- B. Can you remember 1 of your best 1st impressions when single, what made it so good?

II. Scripture.

- A. ***Ruth 2:1-3***—"1*And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. 2And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, 'Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace.' And she said unto her, 'Go, my daughter.'* 3*And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech. "*
- B. ***Ruth 2:4-17***—"4*And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, 'The LORD be with you.' And they answered him, 'The LORD bless thee.'* 5*Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, 'Whose damsel is this?'* 6*And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, 'It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: 7And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so, she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.'* 8*Then said Boaz unto Ruth, 'Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: 9Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? And when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.'* 10*Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, 'Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?'* 11*And Boaz answered and said unto her, 'It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left*

thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. ¹²The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.' ¹³Then she said, 'Let me find favor in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.' ¹⁴And Boaz said unto her, 'At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.' And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. ¹⁵And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, 'Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: ¹⁶And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.' ¹⁷So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley."

III. Application.

- A. What lessons do we see from Ruth and Boaz's character and actions?

- B. How did Boaz adeptly spiritually lead in his conversations (**2:4, 12**)?

- C. When you have been going through a tough season of life, do you believe God will reward you, when you trust Him (**2:12**), why or why not?