The God of the Ordinary

RUTH

Ruth 2:1-23 (pt. 2)

Refuge Under His Wings

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughtex. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

⁹ Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go aften them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw."

¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

¹¹ Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

¹²May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

¹³ Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.

¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

¹⁶ Also you shall purposely pull out for her *some grain* from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

(Ruth 2:8-16)

Under His Wings

- 1. Generous Compassion
 - · Boaz acted as Ruth's protector and provider
 - Ruth was treated as a member of his house
 - Boaz's compassion went far beyond the letter of the Law

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- 1. Generous Compassion
 - Boaz displayed compassion as one who had been shown a greater compassion

"You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that Yahweh your God redeemed you from there;"

(Duet. 24:18)

Under His Wings

- 2. Rewarding Refuge
 - Ruth's action toward Naomi was an expression of seeking refuge under Yahweh's wings
 - all who seek refuge under His wings will be fully rewarded for every sacrificial kindness

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

(Heb. 6:10)

"No one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

(Luke 18:29-30).

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