

**RUTH PART III**  
**“LIVING IN HIS FAVOR”**  
**RUTH CHAPTER 2**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Have you ever been keenly aware that you are favored?
- Ruth is the story of a favored woman and she wondered why.
- Psalm 17:6-8, “I call on you, O God...<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of your eye...”
- David knew the favor of God from a young age and he lived in and out of it.
- It bred deep confidence in God for him.
- Ruth though, a Moabite, was committed to God and He to her.

**I. FINDING SHELTER IN THE STORM**

- Ruth 2:1-3 NLT, “...Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.”...she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.”
- God has promised shelter in the storm not from the storm.
- When things are rough and someone shows you kindness or favor it is impacting.
- Vs. 4-7 - Ruth worked all day gleaning the corners of the field. This was the welfare program God set up - Leviticus 19:9-10
- She was begging and broke, needy and vulnerable.
- But here you see a person pressing into life, not running away.

**II. YOUR STEPS ARE SET IN DESTINY**

- When you commit to the Lord, He makes promises over you (boundaries) He wants you to live in.
- They are not magic. They are the fabric of relationship with Him.
- When you live in Him you never just happen upon places; He sets your steps as He did Ruth’s.
- Vs. 3 - She happened...no she was supernaturally directed in ways she didn’t understand.
- Why do some people experience this and not others? She is committed - Ruth 1:16-17

**III. WHY HAVE I FOUND FAVOR?**

- Vss. 8-9 - Ruth finds a protector and a provider.
- It is a picture of Jesus...who He is towards those who seek Him.
- Vss. 10, 13 - “Why have I found favor?”
- Vss. 11-12 - Boaz replied. “...<sup>12</sup>May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”
- Boaz saw her heart and commitment to Naomi.
- God wants all of us who follow Him, to have a heart for others and understand God will use us to impact others.

**CLOSE**

- Vs. 20 - The blessing of this story is Naomi also figures out that God is good.
- Ephesians 2:12, “...now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
- God has offered you favor...do you live in it?