



# the book of ruth

## YOU'RE NOT FORGOTTEN

WK 2: Reaping through Obedience

05.14.23 | Pastor Randy

### RECAP

Sermon Recap: Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- Ruth's obedience to physical gleaning would lead to her spiritual gleaning of God's presence, promise, and power.
- We must be obedient to what we know to do before God can reveal what we do not know
- God never promises the obedience yields instant blessings; most times, it requires time and energy: EFFORT
- Reaping through obedience is to recognize that it is God working all things out for you and placing yourself under His protection, provision, and power.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19; Proverbs 13:4. Why does God make provisions for people to have food? Is he rewarding laziness? Notice: Even in gleaning, work is required. What are some lessons God wants people to learn through the provision of gleaning? Read II Thessalonians 3 and note what similarities and truths it provides for the provision of gleaning.
2. Read Matthew 23:37. What does Jesus mean that He would have gathered them under His wings like a hen does her brood? Why does He not do it? What is required for people to be gathered under His wings? What blessings are discovered under His wings? Give Biblical examples.
3. As noted last week, the Hebrew order for the OT books has Ruth listed after Proverbs. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. In Hebrew, these verses are an alphabetic acrostic which means that they were meant to be memorized, showing their value. How does Ruth exemplify the WORTHY woman of Proverbs 31? What does it look like for a woman to exemplify these traits today?
4. Read Ruth 2:4. Explain the sayings The LORD be with you and The LORD bless you. Notice that LORD means YAHWEH. What does His covenant have to do with His blessing? How do these greetings show the depth of Boaz's relationship with his GOD? How do people who work with you see your relationship with JESUS?



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## PRAYER

Proclaim this for yourself, "Jesus, help me today to understand that without you I can do nothing, but with you I can do all things. May I humble myself under the shadow of your wings so I may rest in you. May I be obedient to the commands I know to be of you so I can be in a constant place for your leading and blessing. Today, may my obedience be industrial, intentional, and inspirational. I love you, Jesus!"

## NOTES

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