



3. God often uses his family to provide for one another. Read Ruth 2:15-16 and Phillipians 4:19. While Boaz is not Ruth's savior, he chooses to say yes to God's call to share and provide, becoming a part of God's redemptive plan for his people. Give an example of when God used someone to provide extra handfuls in your life.
4. As we see Boaz provide for an outsider/foreigner, what are some practical ways that we can be a provider to outsiders/foreigners? How can we begin to see other image bearers as part of "us", rather than foreigners?
5. By providing for Ruth and offering her protection, Boaz was acting subversively within the patriarchal system that they were living in, much like Jesus with the woman at the well in John 4. He acted in love towards her while subverting the system. What systems are we living in that may seem normal to us but contradict the teachings of scripture? How can we live out the challenging truth of scripture within systems that contradict the radical love of God?
6. We see God provide food for the birds (Matt. 6:26-27), yet they still have to get out of the nest; we see God provide for Ruth, yet she has to go glean in the fields. How do we sojourn into the tension of free will and God's sovereignty? What does it look like to live in the robust fullness of both waiting on God, and taking initiative in our lives?