

Ruth 3 - Not Surprised Ruth 2:1-23

No blessing is happening at this point in the story, bitterness yes.

Elimelech - means my God is King moves his family to Moab to preserve his life and legacy

Naomi is left in Moab with 2 pagan daughter in laws, the decide to go back to Bethlehem, but Ruth stays with her... Naomi thinks God isn't good to just her.

Barley Harvest * critical time

2:1 (message Bible**)

d God is moving through the just so happens all the time.

This is God's way of directing his purpose

Psalm 37:23 he delights in every detail of their lives. 🎉 🎉 that's really good news!

Often God is out ahead of you preparing the way ahead of you.

Gleaning, was just enough to survive.

Ruth is a pagan and a foreigner (this is a major negative... circumstances are stacked against her) but she still tries- she starts walking in faith!

It just so happened***

Ruth is walking in faith and in the paths of God

Boaz shows up, everyone was excited to see him, he was a worthy man, a leader, loved the Lord, defender of the innocent and weak, oh and it just so happens he is single!

Boaz sees that there is something special about Ruth, in her work ethic, her heart, her integrity. What do you see in others? The outward, done up version of someone or the heart?

There's a difference between a good time and a good legacy.

Instill in our children a legacy mindset when it comes to dating/marriage/children

Boaz decided to treat Ruth like family... this is such a gospel illustration. We don't have the right to approach God, except through Jesus. Ruth had no right to approach Boaz but Boaz went to her.

If people knew our true story we would be so embarrassed, but the truth is God already knows and he still lavishes his love on us.

Rahab is Boaz's mother, he may have seen something in Ruth that reminded him of his mom

Boaz serves Ruth, he moves from his seat of importance.

Naomi moves from bitter to blessing quickly! She sees what God has done through Boaz & Ruth. His kindness is intended to turn you away from your sin!

God didn't discipline Naomi into obedience; he blessed her back into obedience.

What are your "just so happens" in your life? When you walk in obedience expect to run into blessings.

God is not offended by your past God is already preparing something for you.