

Faith's Journey from Bitter to Better

Ruth 2

I. Faith is activated in the fertile fields of God's grace.

A. Ruth “happened” upon the field of Boaz (vv. 1-13).

1. Boaz was a man of great character (v. 1).
2. Boaz was God's servant who offered protection and refuge for Ruth (vv. 8-9; 12).

B. God providentially cares for his people through the circumstances and people they encounter (Gen 45:4-8).

II. Healing is initiated in the lives of those who accept God's grace by faith.

A. Ruth was a woman of Godly character (vv. 1-10, 17).

1. Ruth is a humble woman who takes initiative without being presumptuous (vv. 2, 10).
2. Ruth is a woman of amazing industry (v. 7, 17).

B. Ruth chose the wings of God's protection through Boaz (vv. 11-18).

1. Ruth left the protection of her family and culture and went to a new family and new culture (vv. 10-11).
2. Ruth came under God's protection when she went to Israel (v. 12).

C. Ruth's faithfulness resulted in Naomi's hopefulness (vv. 19-22).

D. Recovery begins when we choose to receive God's grace by faith (Jn. 5:1-9; Heb. 11:6).

III. Receive God's grace!