

GOD IS OUR PROVISION
Ruth 2:14-20 (NIV)

The Truth of Today:

- We must see past the ORDINARY to see the SUPER ORDINARY.
At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. ¹⁵As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."
Ruth 2:14-16 (NIV)

❖ When We See the Super Ordinary:

1. We see the Grace GIVER.
She ate all she wanted and had some left over.
Ruth 2:14b (NIV)

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death...
Romans 6:23a (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23 (NIV)
- The Grace Giver PROVIDES.
"May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."
Ruth 2:12 (NIV)

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Ruth 2:15-16 (NIV)
- The Grace Giver PROTECTS.
"Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."
Ruth 2:16 (NIV)

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6:1-2 (NIV)

2. We see the Grace RECEIVER.

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough. ¹⁹Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!"

Ruth 2:17-19 (NIV)

• The Grace Receiver is one who is BLESSED.

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah.

Ruth 2:17 (NIV)

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

Genesis 12:1-2 (NIV)

• The Grace Receiver is one who BLESSES others.

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Ruth 2:18 (NIV)

3. We see the Grace OBSERVER.

Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work?"

Ruth 2:19a (NIV)

• The Grace Observer is one who REJOICES.

"Blessed be the man who took notice of you!" Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said. ²⁰"The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law.

Ruth 2:19-20a (NIV)

• The Grace Observer is one who RECOGNIZES.

"The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said. ²⁰"The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers."

Ruth 2:19b-20 (NIV)