

I. Opening Scriptures and Introduction

A. **Ephesians 1:22-23 (NKJV)** – ²²*And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all*

1. Notice the statement, “He gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is HIS body, the fullness of HIM – WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.
 - a. Jesus is the head of the body, the church.
 - b. He is filling ALL – IN ALL.
 - c. AMP – Who fills and completes all things in all believers.
 - d. Geneva Bible of 1587 – the fullness of him that filleth all in all things.
 - e. Anderson N.T. – He filleth all His members with all things

2. In Ephesians 3:19 NKJV

Paul prayed that the church would be filled with all the fullness of God.

3. JESUS IS BRINGING A SUPPLY

A supply – to FILL UP – every member of His body – with everything we will ever need – nothing missing – nothing lacking.

B. How does Jesus fill all His body with all things?

1. **Ephesians 4:11-13 (NKJV)** – ¹¹*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*
2. **How is God growing and developing His church by filling them with all things?**
 - a. He has a local church for every believer.
 - b. He has a pastor for every believer.

- c. He has Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Teachers to bring impartation to the members of His body.
- d. This is HIS plan for growth. There are NO substitutes.

C. The example of Elijah and Elisha

- 1. Elisha found a supply in Elijah that would take him into his destiny.
- 2. He honored that supply.
 - a. He ran after him.
 - b. He kissed other things good bye.
 - c. He refused to be moved from him.
 - d. He honored his supply.

We must honor our supply.

D. Key Thoughts from Part 1.

1. Right Place

2. Right People

3. Right Time

All are necessary if we are to reach our fullness!

Honor the Right Places!

Honor the Right People!

Honor the Right Time/Season!

II. Honoring the Place of your Supply Part 2

A. Ruth

Ruth 1:1-18 (NKJV) – ¹*Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and*

Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. ³*Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.* ⁴*Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.* ⁵*Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.* ⁶*Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.* ⁷*Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.* ⁸*And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.* ⁹*The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."* So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰*And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."* ¹¹*But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?* ¹²*Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,* ¹³*would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!"* ¹⁴*Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.* ¹⁵*And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."* ¹⁶*But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.* ¹⁷*Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."* ¹⁸*When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.*

- 1. Naomi's sons violated God's law by marrying Moabite women.**
 - a. They were non-covenant people.
 - b. They worshipped the false God Chemosh.

2. When Naomi's sons died, she encouraged these Moabite women to return to their own homeland.

3. Orpah immediately did so.

She kissed her mother-in-law goodbye. – Ruth 1:14

4. Ruth refused to leave.

a. She clung to Naomi. – Ruth 1:14

b. **Clung** = KJV clave – to stay with – to be joined together, to follow closely.

c. Naomi's Response:

Ruth 1:15 (NKJV) – *And she said, Look, your sister in law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Return after your sister in law.*

d. Ruth's Response

Ruth 1:16-17 (NKJV) – ¹⁷*Entreat me not to leave you or to turn back from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go and wherever you lodge, I will lodge your people shall be my people your God shall be my God.* ¹⁸*Where you die, I will die and there will I be buried the Lord do so to me and more also If anything but death parts you and me.*

5. Why was Ruth so unwilling to be removed from Naomi?

a. She had found a different SUPPLY.

b. The SUPPLY she should proceeding from Naomi and Her God was incomparable to the False God of Chemosh that her Moabite people worshipped.

c. She found a supply.

- Strength – joy – courage – protection

- She found out what it meant to have the SUPPLY of being God's covenant people.

- She found a supply of strength – joy – courage

d. She refused to be moved from her SUPPLY that was connected to Naomi.

GWT – May the Lord strike me down if anything but death separates you and me.

- e. Ruth's declaration was; *I'm not going – I'm not moving*
I refuse for anything to take me away from MY SUPPLY that I have discovered in you.
If it means that I live single for the rest of my life.
If it means that my Moabite people will never embrace me again.
If it means I never see mother, dad, brothers or sisters again.

I'm HONORING MY SUPPLY!
Nothing is worth losing my SUPPLY over.

B. Ruth's Honor Pays Off

Ruth 2:1-12 (NKJV) – ¹*There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.* ²*So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor."* And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³*Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.* ⁴*Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"* ⁵*Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"* ⁶*So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.* ⁷*And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."* ⁸*Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women.* ⁹*Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."* ¹⁰*So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"* ¹¹*And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for*

your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. ¹²**The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.**

Right Place – Right Time – Right People

This is one of the greatest examples of someone being in the right place, right time, and with the right people found in Scripture.

1. Ruth has just met her NEW HUSBAND.
2. Ruth 2:1 calls him “A man of great wealth”.
3. Ruth 2:5 – Boaz asks, “Whose young woman is this”?
Who is she? IS she single?
4. She immediately comes into FAVOR/PROTECTION/and SUPPLY from Boaz. ***NOTE: Whenever we HONOR our place of SUPPLY, God will lead us into GREATER SUPPLY!***
5. Ruth will:
 - a. Marry Boaz
 - b. Will be enjoined to covenant with God’s people.
 - c. Will be wealthy.
 - d. Will be in the lineage of Jesus.
6. Her life changed forever and eternity because she honored the SUPPLY that she found in her mother-in-law, Naomi.
Ruth 2:10-12 (NKJV) – ¹⁰*So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”* ¹¹*And Boaz answered and said to her, “It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the*

land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. ¹²The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.”

Ruth 2:12 (GNT) – *May the LORD reward you for what you have done. May you have a full reward from the LORD God of Israel, to whom you have come for protection!*

7. What About Orpah

III. Practical Application

What it means for us to honor our supply.

A. There will be favor!

When you find the place of your supply favor will surface.

B. There will be provision!

*Provision always follows being in the right place/right people.
Lot had provision as long as He was with Abraham!*

C. There will be increase.

D. There will be progression.

- **Do not compass the same mountain too long if nothing is progressing.**

• Do not mistake SLOW progression for NO progression!

Sometimes God moves us slowly along His path; at other times, he advances us speedily – Acceleration will come as we are prepared and ready. Honoring one season will accelerate us into the next one.