

“The Turning Point”

Ruth 2: 13 - 23

¹³ *"May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have given me comfort and have spoken kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servant girls."*

¹⁴ *"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. ¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Even if she gathers among the sheaves, don't embarrass her. ¹⁶ Rather, pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

¹⁷ *So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah.*

¹⁸ *She 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.*

¹⁹ *Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? 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. "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 kinsman-redeemers."*

²¹ *Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "He even said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.' "*

²² *Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with his girls, because in someone else's field you might be harmed."*

²³ *So Ruth stayed close to the servant girls of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.*

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Introduction: the return of the king

Main Idea – Our Redeemer restores our hope
Kinsman Redeemer

1. The Redeemer takes a personal interest
 - a. invites Ruth to eat
 - b. guarantees her success
2. Hope is restored
 - a. the name change
 - b. Radical reversal
 - c. love child vs. mistake – God adopts us
 - d. Boaz vs. Jesus

Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. Have you had a “turning point” in your life? What were the circumstances around that?
2. What are some unsafe places that you have “gleaned” at? What was the result?
3. What are some principles in courtship that we can learn from this passage?
4. What is hope? Why is it important? What happens when a person loses hope? How do you regain hope after it's lost?
5. What is the cause of Naomi's “radical reversal”? Can we think of other examples in Scripture of a “radical reversal”?
6. How do you get out of the disappointment, depression, despair cycle?
7. Are you a love child or a mistake? How should knowing that we are all adopted children of God effect the way that we live?
8. How is Boaz as a redeemer like Jesus, our redeemer? How is he different?