

Ruth 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband--how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before.

12 **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."

God wants to teach us that we who recognize His providential care must be willing to go to those who are bitter with life and show them His care.

3. God's Providential Care Allows Us to Humble Ourselves.

Ruth 2:10 (NIV)

10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She exclaimed, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me--a foreigner?"

Ruth 2:10b (NIV)

"Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me--a foreigner?"

We see the humility of Ruth...

James 4:10 (NIV)

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Ruth 2:13 (NIV)

13 "**May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord,**" she said. "You have given me comfort..."

GOD MAKES IT HAPPEN-PART-2

(Gods Providential Care.)

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Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Passion – 9 *Within your heart you can make plans for your future, but the Lord chooses the steps you take to get there.*

Providential -

involving divine foresight or intervention; opportune, favorable, Heaven-sent, well timed, seasonable...

Providence - *God providing protective or spiritual care;*

timely preparation for future events...to see and know in advance.

Ephesians 2:10-AMP

10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which **God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them** [living the good life which **He prearranged and made ready for us to live**].

1. God's Providential Care Allows Us to Go On.

Ruth 2:2-3 (NIV)

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter."

3 So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself [happened] working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of **Eli-melech. (My God is King, or The King is My God.)**

2 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)

12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and **am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.**

Jeremiah 29:11-KJV

11 For I know the thoughts that **I think toward you**, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, **to give you an expected end.**

Jub - ...to give you the end that you wait for.

AMP - ...to give you hope in your final outcome.

The challenge for us is to see that God is **behind the scenes working for our best.**

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

28 And we know that **in all things** God works for the good of those **who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

AMP - ...all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good

Passion - ...So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.

Genesis 28:15-16 (NIV)

15 **I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.**

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "**Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.**"

2. God's Providential Care Allows Us To Care.

Ruth 2:8-NIV

So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me.

Verses 2:15-16...As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her.

Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

Boaz gives Ruth protection. God wants to shield us from harm.

2: 9a - ...Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you...

Psalm 91:9-Passion

9 When we live our lives within the shadow Of the God Most High, our secret Hiding Place, We will always be **shielded from harm!**

Boaz provides Ruth with water for her thirst.

2:9b - ...And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

John 4:14-Passion

...but if anyone drinks the living water **I give them, they will never thirst again** and will be forever satisfied!

Boaz feeds Ruth from his own table.

2:14 - ...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.**

Matthew 14:16-NLT

16 Jesus said, They do not need to go away; **you give them something to eat.**

Another excellent example of light in the midst of darkness is Ruth.

Ruth 2:14b (NIV)

14 ...When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over.

Ruth 2:18 (NIV)

18 She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered.