

Finding Hope
Rescued – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – May 20, 2018
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Ruth 1:22 (ESV) So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Judges 21:25b (ESV) Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

1. Hope in God's _____

Ruth 2:1 (ESV) Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:2 (ESV) And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

Ruth 2:3 (ESV) So she set out 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 clan of Elimelech.

2. Hope in God's _____

Ruth 2:4 (ESV) And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you."

Ruth 2:6-7 (ESV) And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

3. Hope in God's _____

Ruth 2:8-9 (ESV) Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young

women. Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."

Ruth 2:11-12 (ESV) But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"

4. Hope in God's _____

Ruth 2:14-15 (ESV) And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her."

Ruth 2:17 (ESV) So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

5. Hope in God's _____

Ruth 2:20 (ESV) And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend for our series **Rescued – Book of Ruth** next Sunday.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Finding Hope Study Guide

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Intro. Even though Naomi was very discouraged on her return to Bethlehem, what signs of hope were there (Ruth 1:22)?

In what ways is our society similar to the times of the judges (Judges 21:25b)?

Do you find it easy to have hope in our time? Why or why not?

1A. How was God's providence shown to be at work in Ruth 2:1?

1B. How do you see Ruth's responsibility and God's sovereignty shown in Ruth 2:2-3?

1C. How can a belief in God's providence give you hope in today's world? Give an example from your life.

2A. How was Boaz different than the majority of people in the time of the judges (Ruth 2:1, 4)?

2B. What do you think was the average Israelite's view of a young Moabite woman?

2C. In what ways does God bring hope through His people?

3A. What evidence is there in Ruth 2:8-9 that Boaz's workers were harassing Ruth? How was Boaz's treatment of Ruth different?

3B. What was there about Ruth's character that Boaz appreciated (Ruth 2:11-12)?

3C. How can we find hope in God's protection today?

4A. How did Boaz follow God's example of generosity and provision (Ruth 2:14-15, 17)? How did this go against the culture of the time?

4B. What must we do to receive God's provision for our lives?

5A. Describe some of the ways that Boaz is a type of Jesus, our redeemer (Ruth 2:20).

5B. How does your life fit into God's grand plan? How does God's plan give you hope?