



### Against the Grain

"God's Divine Appointments: Your Divine Appointment!"  
(Arranged through Care)

Ruth 2:1-18 (NLT)

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#### Introduction:

**Providence** – God's gracious care of and governance over creation, especially directed at his own glory and the care of his redeemed people. Providence expresses divine goodness and kindness through this administration, God works all things for good to His people (Rom. 8:28). An omniscient God knows perfectly what is best and an omnipotent God can provide perfectly.

In Ruth's story, God's divine hand was working invisibly to navigate the course of her life. Providentially God is working His plan in your life. There are at least four principles we can glean from this passage.

#### 1. Divine Relationship (vs. 1-3)

- Ruth married into an Israelite family that had great wealth and influence
- Ruth's \_\_\_\_\_ with Naomi led to her meeting Boaz
- God \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth and Naomi's relationship
- Naomi was \_\_\_\_\_ to Ruth, always concerned about Ruth's future welfare
- Ruth was faithful to Naomi, working the fields to \_\_\_\_\_ for her

*Think about the relationships you have in life. Is God using the people He placed in your life for accomplishing His plan?*

#### 2. Divine Encounter (vs. 4-9)

- While she was there, Boaz \_\_\_\_\_ from Bethlehem...
- She's the young woman from \_\_\_\_\_ who came with Naomi
- The foreman pointed out her \_\_\_\_\_
- Boaz went to Ruth and said \_\_\_\_\_ when you gather grain
- Boaz offers \_\_\_\_\_ to Ruth the Moabite
- Ruth found \_\_\_\_\_; Boaz freely offers her to drink the water drawn by the Israelite men

*Where we come from and what kind of blood that runs through our veins is not nearly as impactful as our character and reputation.*

#### 3. Divine Reactions (vs. 10-13)

- Ruth's disposition of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Ruth's reputation preceded her
- Boaz' \_\_\_\_\_ for Ruth
- Ruth's \_\_\_\_\_ to continue to please Boaz

*Only God can meet our Spiritual need of redemption.*

#### 4. Divine Grace (vs. 14-18)

- Boaz \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth to a meal
- Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ to eat
- Boaz let Ruth gather as much grain as she should carry
- Ruth received \_\_\_\_\_ of barley
- Ruth received \_\_\_\_\_
- Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ Naomi

*Undeserved acceptance and love received from another, especially the character attitude of God in providing salvation for sinners*