

## Bread & Wine with Boaz

Ruth 2:14-23

Ruth is a beautiful love story full of \_\_\_\_\_ especially for single people  
As Americans, we are fiercely independent and so we think the individual should decide who to marry

1. Pre-arranged Marriage: where the \_\_\_\_\_ make the bulk of the decision.
2. Courtship: The parents with the child make the decision \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dating: A guy and a girl get together alone and figure it out \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends involved

### What is the Biblical pattern?

We begin to see this relationship between Ruth and Boaz develop

Their first meal is in a \_\_\_\_\_ setting. (Ruth 2:14)

### I. Boaz's Generosity (Ruth 2:15-18)

*[15] When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. [16] And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." [17] So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. [18] And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied.*

#### 3 Kinds of People

1. Takers: What's mine is mine and what's yours is \_\_\_\_\_ too.
2. Debtors: If I give to you, you \_\_\_\_\_ me!
3. Givers: Generosity with \_\_\_\_\_ strings attached.

#### Boaz is a Giver!

An ephah is about 30lbs of barley. That's at least a 2-week supply for the two widows!

Ruth goes home and \_\_\_\_\_ the barley with Naomi (She's generous too!)

#### Ruth is a model of Stewardship

Everything I have is a \_\_\_\_\_ from Boaz and I'm going to enjoy it and share it with Naomi

Boaz and Ruth are both Generous Givers and that is going to lead to a healthy relationship

### II. Naomi's Blessing (Ruth 2:19-22)

*[19] And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked?" "Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." [20] 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!"*

#### How do you discern God's will?

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ at your Post: Ruth gleans all day in the fields of Boaz
2. Seek Wise Counsel: *"It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted."* Godly parents care about your well-being in relationships
3. Trust God's \_\_\_\_\_: Don't rush in.

**III. God's Timing (Ruth 2:23)**

*[23] So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.*

She continues to work hard and \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's timing

She's working hard in the fields gleaning, staying close to the young women, and living with Naomi

**Ruth is a woman of Noble Character**

Her \_\_\_\_\_ is such that they will have a great relationship!

Ruth and Boaz both love Yahweh! They both \_\_\_\_\_ hard! They are both Generous Givers!

He is wise. She is wise and \_\_\_\_\_ wise counsel.

They are not physically or emotionally awakening love too prematurely

They are waiting on \_\_\_\_\_ timing!

**Ruth is a little love story that is part of GOD's BIG LOVE STORY**

The story of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is like our \_\_\_\_\_ and we are like Ruth!

We are part of the wrong family

We come empty-handed and \_\_\_\_\_ on His grace and generosity

Boaz invites Ruth to enjoy a nice meal with him

*And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some **bread** and dip your morsel in the **wine**."*

**Jesus invites us to \_\_\_\_\_ a nice meal with him**

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,*

*I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.* (Revelation 3:20)

**The whole earth belongs to the Lord! This is His \_\_\_\_\_ and we're all gleaning in it!**

Like Ruth, we are poor and needy and bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the table. We come empty handed.

But Jesus provides for us out of His generous \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ruth ate until she was satisfied and she had some left over* (v.14).

Ruth was a Moabite—Boaz a Hebrew invited her to the table

In NT times, Jews and Gentiles did \_\_\_\_\_ eat together

**But Jesus is our Glorious Boaz who \_\_\_\_\_ us Gentiles to eat with him**

The Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with sinners

*The Pharisees grumbled saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."* (Luke 15:2)

Thank God He still does!