

Day 33

- Okay, let's jump into the book of Ruth! Yesterday, we saw how the first time Boaz spoke over Ruth, he showed her who a Kinsman Redeemer is; he was providing for her in every way.
- Ruth, overcome by his words and offering, said, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me — a foreigner?" Ruth 2:10.
- She immediately recognized what Boaz is doing as "favor". She also said, "that you notice me — a foreigner." It is the heart of each of us to be noticed in the natural, but that is because our greatest desire is to be noticed by our God and Creator — our Father. When Ruth realized this God given favor, she is overcome and bows low, with her face to the ground before Boaz. She recognized this as greater than human, yet she is confused by it because of her foreign status.
- In western culture, and in particular the United States, it is hard for us to understand the significance of what Ruth is saying — in history at this time, the people in that area knew all about the God of Israel; they had witnessed His great power as well as His favor on Israel. And they also knew the Israelites did not acknowledge many of the other nations in the land, some of which were loathed, as the Moabites were.
- But more profound is the foreshadowing — Israel is God's chosen people; His first born son; His first fruits offering to Himself. But God's perfect plan has always been to graft the rest of us into Himself. Ruth represents all of us, who Jesus grafted in with his life, death, and resurrection.
- Listen closely to Boaz' answer to her, and see if you can catch the multi-dimensional thread God has woven through it.
- "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." Ruth 2:11-12
- Two things jump out at me here — First, remember in Day 32 when I explained how Heidi Jo is me in my fullness? And then I explained that although I am a teacher, it doesn't describe me in my fullness, but it does describe an aspect of who I am — okay, so when we see LORD in all caps in scripture, that is usually the Hebrew word Yahweh (Jehovah); This is God in His system of government, and in particular, working through the Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest. So, when Boaz says to Ruth, "The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given to you by the LORD God (Yahweh Elohim) of Israel," he is saying, your actions and love toward your mother-in-law, in forsaking yourself for her, has seeded into your life, and because of it, the LORD will bless you.
- Second, In the natural, Ruth is showing us the foreshadowing of our turning to Jesus in the spiritual. When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, we are saying, I give you everything; I put you first — in a sense, I am leaving father, mother, husband, children, home to love and honor You. Now, God is not saying, to serve Him and honor Him, we have to walk away from our families. No, that is not Biblical. What He is saying is, our hearts and lives must be fully His, and when we turn FULLY to Him, we will have seeded for a harvest of blessing and perfect protection, not just only for ourselves but for our family as well, "and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."
- "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1
- "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...and under His wings you shall take refuge..." Psalm 91:1-4. I encourage you to declare the whole of Psalm 91 over your life and lives of your children. Remember, what we speak out loud are seeds. If we continue to speak seeds of protection and blessing, we will reap a harvest of protection and blessing. And when we also work to close every door to the

enemy of our soul, he will be unable to manipulate and trick us into speaking bad seed into the soil of our lives.

- “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [weak] but MIGHTY in God for pulling down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.
- When we have come under God’s covering, we can then easily see any place in our lives where disobedience has flourished, and recognizing it, we can take authority over it in Jesus name.

- Back to Ruth, when Boaz pronounced blessing over her as her Kinsman Redeemer, an example of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, he was using the Law of Blessing. He spoke blessing over her, and what the Redeemer speaks over us cannot be canceled. To know what God speaks over us, and then for us to come into agreement with it by declaring it over our lives, like Psalm 91, we are speaking the Law of Blessing over us, and nothing can reverse it. Remember, way back, Numbers 23:20 “Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.”
 - Ruth replies to Boaz, “Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maid servants.” Ruth 2:13
 - Ruth can’t see herself through the Redeemer’s eyes yet; she can only see that she is unlike everyone else, an outsider, an outcast, one unworthy of blessing.
 - So Boaz does an amazing gesture, one that everyone present would have recognized immediately. “Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.” Ruth 2:14.
 - Okay, she would have NEVER been allowed to sit at his table; Boaz is not only a wealthy, well respected Hebrew man; he is a Kinsman Redeemer; He represents God Most High as a foreshadowing of Jesus, THE Redeemer. So, he immediately fulfilled the words of blessing he spoke over her. “The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.” Ruth 2:11-12. Boaz gives her a covering, a refuge, and in doing so, no one would dare question him. Then, he does an even bigger thing!! He tells her to dip her bread in the vinegar...the bread they are eating, the vinegar they are using. Uhhh, according to the law of Moses, Ruth would definitely be considered unclean; therefore, she would never be allowed to do that. Again, everyone present would see this and understand the weight of this action.
 - What an incredible picture of our Redeemer Jesus!! Who, the moment we turn to Him, when we feel His eyes on us, He IMMEDIATELY draws us in under His covering, binds our wounds, heals us, feeds us, gives us water, and blesses us as one of His own, because the moment we turn to Him, we are one of His own!
 - Then, after all of this amazing blessing, Boaz lavishes her with more. “Boaz commanded his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves [full stalks of wheat], and do not reproach her. Also let grain from the bundles fall purposefully for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.” Ruth 2:15-16.
 - Okay, WOW!! This is how Jesus, our Redeemer blesses us. He brings us in, calls us His own, gives us His covering, and then He tells His workers to let us glean from the best part of the harvest, so much so, that blessings are purposefully left for us to find. And then He gives the command that no one should rebuke us for doing as He has instructed. There is something to note here, that is very important.
 - Everything was left for Ruth, but she still had to do the work; she had to glean; she had to search among the sheaves; she had to PICK UP the blessings. She also had to open her eyes to see them.

- All of this incredible love, wisdom, and blessings have been in scripture for us to glean, pick up, and use, but many of us have not bothered to do the work. And many have been unable to see the blessings because of life choices of not coming under the covering of the Most High, under the shadow of His wings. If we choose not to come into His place of covering and blessing, we cannot have eyes to see the bounty before us.
 - Remember the banquet I described in Day 32. It is the greatest banquet of all time; a banquet none of us can even fathom, even when we are in the middle of it. It is that vast.
- Tomorrow, we will continue with Ruth's journey into Redemption. Until then, be blessed, be encouraged, and KNOW that our God is truly in love with us to the point of rapture!! Now, we must rise up, open our eyes, and get out into the fields and work — For, "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37. God has people and NATIONS He wants us to reach, it is time for us to go out there and reap, build, and establish Father God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, through the power and leading of Mighty Holy Spirit!