

Ruth

Chapter 2

In verses 1-7 the story continues as to how Ruth and Boaz met. Do you see any similarities to your own story and how you have met significant people in your life?

I like the old greetings that were said in verse 4. What do you say to people? Those you don't know, and those you do? Might we start using something like one of these greetings?

In verse 7 is a short affirmation of Ruth. How would you summarize it? Think of others and what affirmation about each might you share? Do you ever tell them what you appreciate about them?

In verses 8-16 what do you gather from Boaz's directions to Ruth? What might be inferred from what he says in verse 9?

He is somehow aware and appreciative of what Ruth has done for his relative Naomi. Who are some of the people you are appreciative of who have done things for others?

In the rest of the conversations here, Boaz seems to be showing some interest in Ruth. It sometimes takes a little while for romance to blossom.

In verses 15-16 Boaz instructs his harvesters to take care to leave a little extra for Ruth to gather. This may be to help his relative Naomi, or Ruth, or both. What do you think? In what ways have you done like this to help other people?

In verses 17-23 Ruth finishes up a long day of work and then heads home to share the gleanings with Naomi.

Naomi seems to approve of Boaz and points out that he is a close relative and encourages Ruth to continue to work his fields with the other servant women rather than going anywhere else.

In verse 22 Naomi reiterates what Boaz had said in his warning to Ruth about not going into other fields. Do you think the concern was that she was a woman or a foreigner? In this chapters we have two warnings.

What dangers have you been warned about?

What dangers have you warned people about?