

## There Is a Redeemer Ruth 2:17-23

**The BIG Question** ... Is God \_\_\_\_\_? Psalm 107:9 ... Psalm 34:8 ...

**The BIG Idea** ... God is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the longing soul.

### Full Hands

- Application: Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ about the weaknesses of others, God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ the weaknesses of others (Ephesians 4:1-2).
- Ruth walks into the house carrying a big bag of barley and the “doggie bag” of leftovers from dinner with Boaz (vs. 18—“after being \_\_\_\_\_”).
- Naomi cannot contain her surprise: “Where did you glean today? Where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.”
- The word, “worked” appears three times in verse 19. The fact that Ruth has worked for the bag of barley proves that she is all-in on caring for Naomi. Ruth works all day in Boaz’s field, not to \_\_\_\_\_ his grace, but in \_\_\_\_\_ to his grace because she will not \_\_\_\_\_ upon his grace. A brief theology of work:
  1. Work is not a \_\_\_\_\_; it’s a \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:15).
  2. Work is one of the ways God graces His people with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and satisfaction (Colossians 3:22-24).
  3. Work is a gift of His grace that enables you to become a \_\_\_\_\_ of His grace (Ephesians 4:28).
- Ruth casually responds: “The man’s name with whom I worked today is \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Naomi: “May he be blessed by the LORD, whose \_\_\_\_\_ has not forsaken the living or the dead!”

### Full Hearts

- Naomi: “This big bag of barley isn’t just about God filling our empty hands with \_\_\_\_\_; it’s God filling our empty hearts with \_\_\_\_\_—the hope of redemption! Boaz is a close relative of ours, one of our \_\_\_\_\_” (Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 25).
  - Boaz is qualified to be Ruth’s redeemer, but God’s law does not \_\_\_\_\_ that of him.
  - Will Boaz be Ruth’s redeemer—even though she is “Ruth the \_\_\_\_\_” (verse 21)?
  - Ruth: “There is \_\_\_\_\_ ... because he told me to keep close by his young men until they have finished all his harvest.”
- Naomi: “It is good, my daughter. You will be \_\_\_\_\_ in Boaz’s field, so go out with his young women. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to them, because in another field, you could be assaulted.” Applications:
  - In our seasons of emptiness, there is a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ from others—in order to insulate \_\_\_\_\_ from acknowledging our emptiness to others.
  - God built us for community. One of the ways he fills our emptiness is through other people. So rather than isolate from God’s people, \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s people.
- “And Ruth lived with her mother-in-law:” The author isn’t only saying that Ruth is really committed to Naomi; he is saying that, through Ruth, God is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in Naomi with \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Takeaway:** When you doubt that God is \_\_\_\_\_ for you, remember that He has \_\_\_\_\_ you (Luke 1:46-49, 53).