

RUTH CHAPTER 2



The Seeds of a Peace Story (Ruth 2:1-7)

The Growth of a Peace Story (Ruth 2:8-16)

The Harvest of a Peace Story (Ruth 2:17-23)

Gleaning from Boaz... Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer

Gleaning from Ruth... Pursuing Our Shalom in Jesus

“Child you need to know/ there’s a reason for/ all of your hopes and dreams.
If you feel alone/ abandoned on your own/ know that you’ve been deceived.
Just remind yourself/ when you start to feel/ nothing’s really happening.
Remember/ He’s always there/ behind the scenes.”

~ Debra Arlyn
Behind the Scenes

Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

- Read the book of Ruth. Re-read chapter 2. Sketch an outline of the chapter separating the chapter into scenes around narration and dialogue.
- What is the narrators’ purpose in providing you information in 2:1?
- What role does providence play in Ruth chapter 2?
- How do you relate to Ruth in this story? How about Boaz?
- Look up the Hebrew word *shalom* (Peace) in Vines O.T. Dictionary and then watch this video on “Peace” <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/shalom-peace/>. What is one thing you learn about biblical peace?
- Ruth experiences God’s giving fullness—shalom—to her through Boaz giving her a place, protection and provision. How has Jesus restored *shalom* to you in like fashion? What is yet to come?
- Spiritual Exercise: Reflect on Psalm 36. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal if you are seeking refuge under the shadow of God’s wing or something/ someone else. Where are you looking for peace? If you have been seeking peace from someone/something other than Christ, repent and return to Christ’s person and work, knowing how great is His love and endless His mercy.