

Key Scripture

Matthew 16:18 NKJV

I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Hearing About a Good Harvest

Ruth 1:1-6 CEV

1-2 Before Israel was ruled by kings, Elimelech from the tribe of Ephrath lived in the town of Bethlehem. His wife was named Naomi, and their two sons were Mahlon and Chilion.

But when their crops failed, they moved to the country of Moab. And while they were there, 3 Elimelech died, leaving Naomi with only her two sons.

4 Later, Naomi's sons married Moabite women. One was named Orpah and the other Ruth. About ten years later, 5 Mahlon and Chilion also died. Now Naomi had no husband or sons.

6 When **Naomi heard that the Lord had given his people a good harvest**, she and her two daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab and go to Judah.

Ruth getting her needs met in the harvest...

- ✓ **Physical:** Air, food, water, shelter, clothes.

Ruth 2:8 TLB

Boaz went over and talked to her. "Listen, my child," he said to her...

"when you are thirsty, go and help yourself to the water."

- ✓ **Safety:** Protection, the rule of moral law.

Ruth 2:9 NLT

I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly.

- ✓ **Love:** Feel loved, belonging, to be needed.

Ruth 2:14 CEV

At mealtime Boaz said to Ruth,

"Come, eat with us. Have some bread and dip it in the sauce."

- ✓ **Connection:** Accepted, recognized, respect from others & for oneself.

Ruth 1:19 CEV

They reached Bethlehem, and the **whole town was excited to see them.**

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Renovation with Ruth

1. **Select faith over familiar.**

Ruth 1:16 NLT

But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and **your God will be my God.**

2. **Serve humbly and pick up what has been left behind.**

Ruth 2:2 NLT

One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to **pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it.**"

3. **Stay close to your sisters & brothers in the harvest.**

Ruth 2:8-9 NLT

8 Boaz went over and said to Ruth,

"Listen, my daughter. **Stay right here with us when you gather grain;**

don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field.

9 See which **part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them.**

4. **Salvation, sustainability & growth is found in the harvest**

Ruth 4:10-11 NIV

10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess...

11 Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses.

May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, **who together built up the house of Israel.**

Ruth 4:14 & 17 CEV

Praise the Lord! **Today he has given you a grandson** to take care of you.

When Obed grew up he had a son named Jesse, who later became the father of King David.

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