

Bible Study 5 – Boaz’s response to poverty – Ruth 2:1-23

Providence is the hidden hand of God that is always at work to accomplish His good purposes for our lives. Nothing happens by chance. Have you ever wondered why we can have two people doing the exact same thing and making the same decisions and yet end up at a very different place? One becomes very successful, and the other becomes poor. What separates the two? The book of Ecclesiastes said it is time and chance. But we know better. Behind time and chance, there is a God who governs all things for His glory and the good of His people. So, for Christians, there is no such thing as luck.

The context	After the Israelites occupied Canaan, in the book of Judges most of the tribes disobeyed God by intermarriage with the Canaanites and following their gods. They forgot God and suffered cycles of sin and its consequences. The story of Ruth is set in the times of the judges. It is about Naomi’s transformation from despair to happiness through the selfless acts of Ruth and Boaz. After Naomi suffered a tragedy, Ruth, her foreign daughter-in-law, supported her by moving to Israel and following their God.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Ruth 2:1-23

Providence (v.1-3)	
Provision (v.4-13)	
Additional favours (v.14-17)	
Appreciation (v.18-23)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How was Boaz like Jesus Christ?

7. Which parts of the passage was difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Tragedy caused a dramatic change in the life of Naomi and Ruth. But God was at work in their lives through the generosity of Boaz. How can we be a blessing to others like Boaz?

