

Part 2: Finding the Love You Want

Our changing culture ...

- Over the last 50 years, marriage rates in the U.S. have dropped by nearly 60%.
- 63% of men under the age of 30 are choosing to be single.
- 77% of millennials prefer to live with their partner before marriage.

If you _____ what most people _____ ,
you'll _____ what most people _____ .

“Where you go, I will go; and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.” (Ruth 1:16)

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband’s side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. (Ruth 2:1)

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." So Ruth went out, entered a field, and began to glean behind the harvesters. (Ruth 2:2-3)

So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law Elimelech. (Ruth 2:3)

The Providence of God

When God uses _____ circumstances to bring about His _____ plans.

While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters. "The Lord be with you!" he said. "The Lord bless you!" the harvesters replied. (Ruth 2:4)

Don't let your _____ talk you out of God's plan for your _____.

Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?" And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since. (Ruth 2:5-7)

Qualities that Boaz Notices in Ruth:

- **She's loyal to God.**
- **She's loyal to her family.**
- **She's a hard worker.**
- **She honors God morally.**

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 I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well. (Ruth 2:8-9)

"May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." (Ruth 2:12)

Qualities that Ruth Notices in Boaz:

- **He honors her.**
- **He protects her.**
- **He provides for her.**
- **He prays for her.**

At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. (Ruth 2:14)

