



**Sermon Title: "Grace to the Humble"**

**Scripture: Ruth 2**

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## **I. GRACE TO THE HUMBLE**

**Ruth 2:1-2 -**

**1) Verse 1 of chapter 2 totally disrupts the flow of the story. It purposefully sticks out!**

**2) In verse 2, we see that Ruth is fully acquainted with the principle and work of "gleaning". This was part of God's wise and gracious instruction for how to care for those in need.**

*Leviticus 19:9-10, 33-34 -*

Note: God wants His people to demonstrate His love and compassion to those in need.

Note: Ruth is a hard worker. She takes the initiative to go out alone and work in the fields.

**Ruth 2:3-7 -**

**3) Verse three reminds us that God often works through things that look very normal and, even, insignificant to us.**

*1 Corinthians 10:31 -*

Note: In this way the book of Ruth is like the book of Esther; they both emphasize the subtle (but powerful!) providential work of God on behalf of His people!

Note: How a man treats his employees and speaks to them reveals a great deal about him.

#1 - Ruth is memorable.

#2 - Ruth is humble.

#3 - Ruth embraces her position as a gleaner.

#4 - Ruth is a hard worker.

#5 - Ruth is a "good match" for Boaz.

**Ruth 2:8-9 -**

**4) Boaz shows kindness, grace, and favor to Ruth (a Gentile, a needy stranger) and, in this, Boaz is a strong and beautiful picture of what God has done for us in Christ!**

*Ephesians 2:12-13 -*

**Ruth 2:10-16 -**

**5) Ruth reminds us that a heart of gratitude is an expression of humility.**

Note: When Ruth says “you have comforted me” that word “comforted” refers to changing and improving someone’s circumstances.

Note: Boaz is willing to cross ethnic and social boundaries in order to show grace and kindness.

*“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (1 Peter 5:5b)*

**Ruth 2:17-23 -**

**6) God is working in this situation to begin to “break down” Naomi’s bitterness. God is providing a redeemer to, in part, restore and rebuild Naomi’s faith and joy in Him.**

*“May the GOD OF HOPE fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
SO THAT by the power of the Holy Spirit you may ABOUND WITH HOPE.”  
(Romans 15:13)*

### **Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

1. Where did Ruth get the idea to go and “glean” in the fields?
2. What do we learn about Boaz from his interaction with his workers?
3. In what ways did Ruth demonstrate and communicate humility?
4. What stands out in the ways that Boaz cared for Ruth, the Moabite?
5. How does God use this situation to restore hope and joy to Naomi?
6. How is your “hope tank”? Full? Empty? Why is hope important? How can we grow in hope?
7. In what ways does Boaz reveal and point us to Jesus?