

For the week of July 5, 2015
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Hiding In Plain Site

Third week in the series 'Great is Thy Faithfulness.'

Ruth 2:1-23

Ruth set out to glean during the barley harvest. She “happened on to the field of Boaz” (2:3), and we are introduced to the third key figure in this story. Boaz is uniquely qualified to raise up and restore Naomi/Ruth from their desperate circumstances. God’s provision, long in the making, was hidden from view and discovered in a beautiful way as Ruth and Boaz “speak from the heart” to one another (2:8-13). As a ‘kinsman redeemer’ Boaz prefigures the great redemption found in Jesus Christ.

For more background reading consider the sermon at this web address:
http://www.pbc.org/system/message_files/7612/4582.html

Discussion Questions:

1. Ruth took a small step, walking through the door provided by God’s law to help the poor: she set out to glean. This step led to a much greater gift—an encounter with Boaz. What can we learn from this?
2. Re-read the conversation in Ruth 2:8-13. What do you find most interesting, most attractive in this dialogue?
3. Can you relate a time when God directed you to a significant life experience that caught you by surprise?