



Gracious Generosity
“Behold, the Redeemer” Series
Ruth 2:14-23, page 223
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Introduction

In this passage God models a “gracious generosity” that God shows to us and we are to show to others.

The Text: Ruth 2:14-23

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.” ¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.” ²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.” ²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, “Besides, he said to me, ‘You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’” ²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted.” ²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

- 1) “Gracious generosity” is a fruit of the gospel in the lives of Christians (vv. 14-18).

Boaz shows us what a God-centered life looks like.

Boaz teaches us the intimate relationship between law and love.

- 2) God expects “gracious generosity” to be displayed in our natural and spiritual families (vv. 19-23).

Gracious generosity should be practiced in our natural family.

Gracious generosity should be displayed in our spiritual family.

Response

Let your light shine before others – a gracious generosity that flows from the gospel.

Sunday Text Questions for Ruth 2:14-23 (“Ruth” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Describe a time when someone was especially kind and gracious to you.
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does Boaz display great generosity to Ruth the Moabite in vv. 14-17?
- 4) If Levitical law only required leaving the corner or edges of the field, what do you think made Boaz act toward Ruth in ways that went above and beyond the law?
- 5) Why is it significant for this story that Boaz is a relative of Naomi (v. 20)?
- 6) When Naomi reveals that Boaz is also a “redeemer,” she is saying that he has a potential legal responsibility to care for family members like her. Why is this especially important for this story?
- 7) Why did Naomi call Boaz a “relative of ours” to Ruth when technically Ruth was a Moabite foreigner, and what does that suggest about how Naomi views Ruth?
- 8) In what ways does Scripture teach us to care and be responsible for our natural family, including extended family members?
- 9) In a similar way, in what ways does Scripture teach us to care and be responsible for our spiritual family, our brothers and sisters in our local church?
- 10) Why do both Boaz and Naomi want Ruth to remain close to the other workers (vv. 21-22), and how should we watch out for the people with whom we work?

Further study this week: Passages on family responsibilities: 1 Timothy 5:8 (Mon); Ephesians 5:21-6:9 (Tues); Exodus 20:12 (Wed); Colossians 3:18-4:1 (Thurs); Proverbs 6:20 (Fri).

Song Words for Worship

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SINGING

How Great Thou Art

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Verse 1

*O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have
made*

*I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art*

Verse 3

*And when I think That God His Son not
sparing*

*Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art*

Verse 4

*When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation*

*And take me home What joy shall fill my
heart*

*Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim My God how great Thou
art*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art*

Mighty To Save

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Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Chorus

Savior He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus (2x)

Savior He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Chorus (2x)

Savior He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

O Come To The Altar

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Verse 1

*Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling*

*Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling*

Chorus

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Verse 2

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling*

*Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling*

Chorus 2x

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Bridge (2x)

*Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen*

Chorus 2x

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Verse 3

*Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found*

Amazing Grace

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Verse 1

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see*