

*How Did I Find The Right Field?*

*Ruth 1:22-2:13*

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The book of *Ruth* is a parallel to the \_\_\_\_\_ that exists between Jesus Christ and those who have chosen to follow Him.

- I. Ruth relies on God's \_\_\_\_\_. *Ruth 1:22-2:3, Lev. 19:9-10*
  - We must realize it is God who \_\_\_\_\_ for us!  
*James 2:10*
  - Maturity in Christ happens as He leads us through an ever deepening process of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and life in Him.  
*Rom. 6:6*
- II. A chance encounter. *Ruth 2:4-7*
  - Maybe it was because Ruth was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to stand out from the other women harvesting.
  - Maybe Boaz took enough interest in his workers to know everyone who worked in his field.
  - Maybe it was because God \_\_\_\_\_ this chance meeting.
- III. Love at first sight. *Ruth 2:8-9*
  1. God desires you to stay in \_\_\_\_\_. *Psalm 40:5*
  2. God protects you from \_\_\_\_\_. *Psalm 34:7-8*
  3. God provides you with \_\_\_\_\_. *John 4:10*
- IV. A response of \_\_\_\_\_. *Ruth 2:10-13, 1Thess. 5:16-18*
  1. A road-block to gratitude is a Lack of training
  2. A road-block to gratitude is \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. A road-block to gratitude is prejudice and discrimination.
  4. A road-block to gratitude is anger and \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. A road-block to gratitude is suspicion and fear.
  6. A road-block to gratitude is an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. A road-block to gratitude is, comparing ourselves to others. *James 1:17*

Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Describe the character of Boaz. *What did Boaz admire about Ruth? What dangers do you think existed for women working in the field?*
2. *What is so important about trusting in God's provisions for the Christ follower, rather than relying on self?*  
*Romans 6:6, Gal. 2:20, Gal. 5:24, Ps. 18:2, Phil. 4:6-9, Phil. 4:19*
3. *How did Ruth find the right field to glean from? Was the encounter between Ruth and Boaz mere coincidence?*  
*Ruth 2:4-7, Heb. 11:1, Eph. 4:16, John 1:46-51*
4. Name some parallels between the book of *Ruth* and our relationship to Christ. (hint: see Roman numeral III. in the sermon notes)  
*Ruth 2:8-9, John 4:10, Ps 40:5, Ps 34:7-8*
5. Discuss the importance of thankfulness for the child of God. Discuss the 7 road blocks to gratitude from Roman numeral IV. in the sermon notes.  
*Ruth 2:10-13, 1 Thess. 5:16-18, 2 Cor. 9:15, Eph. 5:4, Eph. 5:20*