

## Communion Meditation

Ruth 1.22-2.7

Series: Ruth "Character Exhibited"

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### Life Goes On

- v22 ~ "barley harvest" ~ "Life goes on" ~ Other people unaffected
  - Ecc 3.1 ~ "To everything there is a season.."
  - Death disrupts lives / But not all of life
  - After death of a loved one, it's like awakening from dream or sleep

### Ruth's Industry and Respect

- Ruth requests permission of Naomi – respectful (v2)
- Ruth wants to help improve their situation – responsible
- v7 ~ "please let me" ~ "continued from morning until now" - industrious
  - The years no doubt show on Naomi

### Boaz – Wealthy Relative

- v1 ~ "relative of Elimelech .. a man of great wealth"
- v3 ~ "she happened to come .. field belonging to Boaz"
- v4 ~ "Boaz came" and greeted reapers
  - Boaz is wealthy because he's attentive and industrious

### v5 ~ "Whose young woman is this?"

- Note the assumption embedded in this question
  - Boaz assumes the young woman is not here of own accord
  - She's not "owned" / He expects her to be
- The same could be said of young men – but you know it's different
  - Imagine a feminists' view of this – Rosie O or Oprah W

Ruth had already drawn attention by returning with Naomi

Now proves herself responsible, respectful, and industrious as well

Our character is revealed by what we choose to do / not do

Boaz is a successful man / He's trained himself to see character

God's "at work in us" – rectifying character flaws

God continually "conforms us into Christ-like character"