



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Week of September 13, 2020

Mid-week Devotion

Read Ruth Chapter 2

It's about doing the right thing...

It's the beginning of the barley harvest, toward the end of April and Ruth is having a conversation with Naomi, her mother-in-law. In Ruth chapter 2 verse 2 the Prophet Samuel writes, "And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, 'Please let me go to the field and glean (*harvest*) among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor.'" What Ruth is asking to do is provided for in the law of the Old Testament. She's asking to follow the paid harvesters and pick up what's left of the grain for her personal use. Leviticus 19:9 reads, "***Now when you reap the harvest of your land you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor shall you gather (all) the gleanings of your harvest...you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger.***" God in His infinite providence provides for those folks who may have found themselves experiencing difficult and challenging times just like Naomi and Ruth. Ruth goes into the fields and harvests enough grain for herself and Naomi. As you read through chapter 2, you'll see that Boaz, a man of great honesty and integrity not only allows Ruth to harvest grain to feed herself and Naomi but encourages her to do so.

As the Pastor of Christ's Church of the Canyon I'm proud of those in our church family who are following the example of Boaz. They are donating their own time and resources to help those in our church as well as those in the Wrightwood community. A large percentage of our people are following in Boaz' footsteps by helping with:

- Our church and community food pantry
- Providing meals to those in need
- General clean-up around folks' homes
- Making sure there's firewood for those heating their homes for the winter months
- Encouraging our seniors with a home visit
- Reaching out to guests who visit our church
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Ushers and greeters
- Deacons
- Worship Ministry
- Men's and Women's Ministry

Boaz knew exactly what he was doing by following God's law in Leviticus. My guess is though he really didn't need direction from the law he just wanted to do the right thing.

See you Sunday,

Pr. Wayne