

God's At Work Even When We Don't See It: An Exposition

of Ruth and Esther #3

God's Grace or Dumb Luck?

Ruth 2:1-23

I. As It Happened

A. Now...

- A close relative
- From Elimelech's family
- Noble, substance, prominent
- Psalms 139:16
"Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were
formed for me, when none of them as yet existed."

B. Ruth is willing to go get food

- Risky
- Maybe I will find favor with someone

C. Good idea, Go

D. As it happened...

E. Just then

- Devout greeting

F. Who is this young woman

G. Information

- Who she was
- What she asked
- Hard worker

II. It Starts To Happen VS 8-16

A. Boaz responds with kindness

B. The "why" question

C. Because of your faithfulness

D. Thank you

E. There's even more to come!

III. This Could Be the Start of Something Wonderful! VS 17-23

A. Dinner is served

- 50-70 lbs.
- A surprise
- What happened?

B. This may be the Lord

C. Let's keep it going

- 7 weeks of harvest
- Who knows what could happen

IV. Thoughts

A. As believers we all have things that just seem to happen that turn out to be blessings

- Was it luck
- Or fate
- Or the hand of God – grace?

B. As you think about your life do you see the grace God lavishes on us?

- The people
- The events
- The places
- At just the right time

C. Are we open to being God's grace to others?

- Like Boaz was to Ruth
- Being sensitive to God's leading

D. As we exercise faith in doing what God calls us to do, His grace enriches us even more! It's a principle.