

A silhouette of a person wearing a hooded garment, possibly a raincoat, stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person is positioned in the upper center of the frame, looking towards the right. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The grass in the foreground is dark and out of focus, while the grass behind the person is more detailed and catches the light. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Rutba



## ACT 4

“In Him Is  
Strength”

*Ruth 2:1-19*

## What is God's *hesed* (חֶסֶד)?

- It is His extraordinary loyalty and gracious devotion to those whom He calls His own.

# Whom does God call his own?

- Ours is a God of refuge who spreads His wing of protection over the needy and the marginalized, especially the poor, widowed, orphaned, and immigrant.

*“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the immigrant: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:9-10)*

*“When an immigrant sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the immigrant who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were immigrants and strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”*

*(Leviticus 19:33-34)*

## Ruth 2:1-2

1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

## Ruth 2:3-4

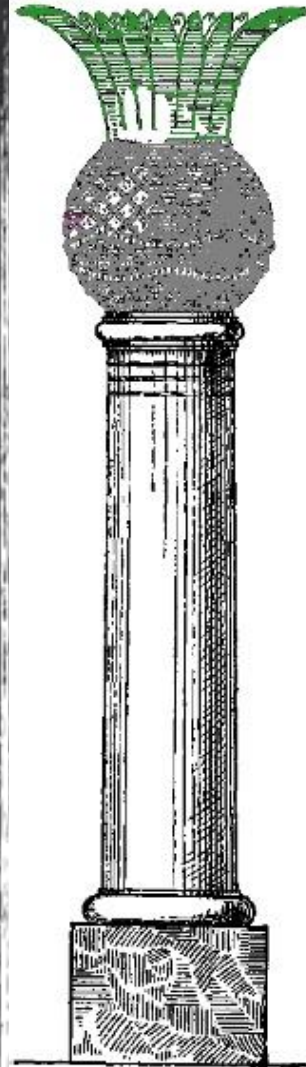
3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem...



# BOAZ

*“In Him Is  
Strength”*

*“In the Strength  
of Yahweh I  
Rejoice”*



# THE GIBOR HAYIL

*“Mighty Man of  
Valor”*

*“Man of  
Standing, Worth,  
& Influence”*

## Ruth 2:4-6

4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab."

## Ruth 2:7-8

7 “She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.” 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.”

## Ruth 2:9-10

9 "Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

## Ruth 2:11

11 But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.”



# Boaz, The Godly Business Leader

- Boaz demonstrates a rightly-formed IDENTITY.

Boaz sees himself as a steward, not an owner; as God's foreman, not the master.



*“The land shall not be sold in  
perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you  
are strangers and sojourners with me.”*

*(Leviticus 25:23)*

*“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”*

*(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*

*“Masters [employers], treat your  
bondservants [employees] justly and  
fairly, knowing that you also have [an  
Employer], a Master in heaven.”*

*(Colossians 4:1)*

# Boaz, The Godly Business Leader

- Boaz demonstrates a rightly-formed IDENTITY.
- Boaz has a kingdom-appropriate VISION.

*“I will make of you a great nation, and I  
will bless you and make your name  
great, so that you will be a blessing...  
and in you all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”*

*(Genesis 12:2-4)*

# Boaz, The Godly Business Leader

- Boaz demonstrates a rightly-formed  
IDENTITY.
- Boaz has a kingdom-appropriate  
VISION.
- Boaz enters with God-honoring  
PRIORITIES.

*“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

**(Matthew 5:16)**

Even as a businessman, at the end of the day, Boaz is most concerned with reflecting God's character and advancing His purposes in the world.



## Ruth 2:12

12 “The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!”

## Ruth 2:13

13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

## Ruth 2:14-15

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."

## Ruth 2:16-17

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.

## Ruth 2:18

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.

## Ruth 2:19

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."

Our God is a God of welcome and  
refuge who extends his *hesed* to the  
marginalized through us.

God's welcome and refuge, his *hesed*  
is extended to the poor, widow,  
orphan, and immigrant, through us.



- In your workplace or organization, how might God want you to shift your sense of identity, vision, or priorities?
- How is God inviting you in the public square to extend his *hesed* to the marginalized in our community?