

Mith

Three Major Themes from this Text

Theme #1 - Boaz & Ruth individually - people of Godly character

Theme #2 - Boaz & Ruth together - the budding of a Godly romance

Theme #3 - God & His plan - seeing God's hand in the "coincidences" of life

Leviticus 19:9-10

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

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- 4. He was a man of integrity.
- 5. He was down to earth yet carried himself in a way that others respected his authority.
- 6. He was courteous, considerate and caring.
- 7. He knew how to treat people.

Here we have a picture of God's ideal woman.

- 1. Faith in God that sees beyond present bitter setbacks.
- 2. Freedom from the securities and comforts of the world.
- 3. Courage to venture into the unknown and the strange.
- 4. Radical commitment in the relationships appointed by God.
- 5. Total acceptance of God's sovereign plan for life.



Ruth

one of the sweetest ladies on earth

- 1. She was a woman of initiative.
- 2. She was a diligent worker.
- 3. She was characterized by humility.
- 4. She was others focused.

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The less concerned we are about our own needs, and the more committed we are to serving others, the more we will allow God to arrange events and circumstances for our ultimate good.

A HARVEST STORY: RUTH & NAOMI

- Part 1 You Can Run But You Can't Hide (1:1-5)
- Part 2 Starting Over When You Don't Feel Like It (1:6-22)
- Part 3 & 4 Finding God's Hand in the "Coincidences" of Life (2:1-3:18)
- Part 5 God Always Writes the Last Chapter (4:1-22)

