



A HARVEST STORY

RUTH

AND

Finding God's Hand
in the "Coincidences" of Life

Part 4

Ruth 2:1-23

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*Did you know that God has a
plan for your life?*

To every thing there is a season, and a
time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Ruth

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

Boaz - one of the coolest guys you'll ever meet

1. He was a guy with great character.
2. He was others focused.
3. He was God-centered.
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.



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.

A sunset scene over a field of tall grass. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and the field. The grass is dark and textured, and the sky has some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Principle #1

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whose hand is upon us every
moment of the day, a God who reigns
over every inch of the universe in
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Matthew 10:29-30

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And one of them shall not fall on the
ground without your Father. But the very
hairs of your head are all numbered.

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart devises his way: but
the LORD directs his steps



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**What is unpredictable to us is
entirely predictable to HIM!**

The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned in the center of the horizon, casting a warm, orange light across the sky and the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds that catch the light from the setting sun. Below the horizon, there is a range of dark, silhouetted mountains. In the foreground, a field of tall, dry grass or reeds stretches across the frame, their textures softened by the warm light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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Principle #2

Marriage is not a matter of fate or luck or technique. It is a gift from God.

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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 allow God to arrange events and circumstances for our ultimate good.



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- 3. They were open and transparent communicators.**
- 4. They allowed God to use the circumstances of their lives to shape their character.**



Takeaways:

1. There are no coincidences in life - *You can trust HIM!*
2. If you are not married, make a commitment to being in the place where God has put you, becoming the person God wants you to be, and going about life with an “others focus” - *You can trust HIM!*
3. If you are married ... God is the one who brought you together. This is the one that God has fashioned and shaped as the perfect fit for you. You have been made for each other by God - *You can trust HIM!*