



## Providence, Not Coincidence!

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### Ruth 2:18-23



<sup>18</sup> She took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took *it* out and gave Naomi what she had left after she was satisfied. <sup>19</sup> Her mother-in-law then said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.” <sup>20</sup> Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.” Again Naomi said to her, “The man is our relative, he is

one of our closest relatives.” <sup>21</sup> Then Ruth the Moabitess said, “Furthermore, he said to me, ‘You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.’” <sup>22</sup> Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that *others* do not fall upon you in another field.” <sup>23</sup> So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

– Ruth 2:18-23, NASB

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## II. Act Two: The Royal Line with Hope Renewed (2:1-23)

- A. Scene One: Ruth Reaping (vv. 1-7)
- B. Scene Two: Ruth Rewarded - Part 1 (vv. 8-13)
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### ***D. Scene Four: Ruth Reports (vv. 18-23)***

- 1. Reward: Naomi Sees and Savors (18)

2. Request: Naomi Wonders Where and Who (19a)

3. Response: Ruth Answers the Who (but not the where) (19b)

4. Revelation: Naomi Glories in God's Providence (20)

5. Reflection: Ruth Relates Boaz' Kindness (21)

6. Recommendation: Naomi is Concerned (22)

7. Resumption: Ruth Patiently Works and Waits (23)

***Concluding thoughts . . .***

- God's providential care for us doesn't mean we don't put forth our own \_\_\_\_\_
- God's providential care for us ought to move us toward greater \_\_\_\_\_
- God's providential care for us includes our \_\_\_\_\_ for others
- God's providential care for us assumes our \_\_\_\_\_
- God's providential care for us encompasses our \_\_\_\_\_