

RUTH





# Ruth and Boaz

RUTH 2-3



### **Galatians 5:22-23 (niv)**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



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# Three characters in Ruth 2-3

Naomi

Ruth

Boaz



**Chapter 1**, Scene 1

**Chapter 2**, Scene 2

**Chapter 3**, Scene 3

**Chapter 4**, Scene 4

Background of the Tragic Story

Ruth Meets Boaz

The Encounter on the Threshing Floor

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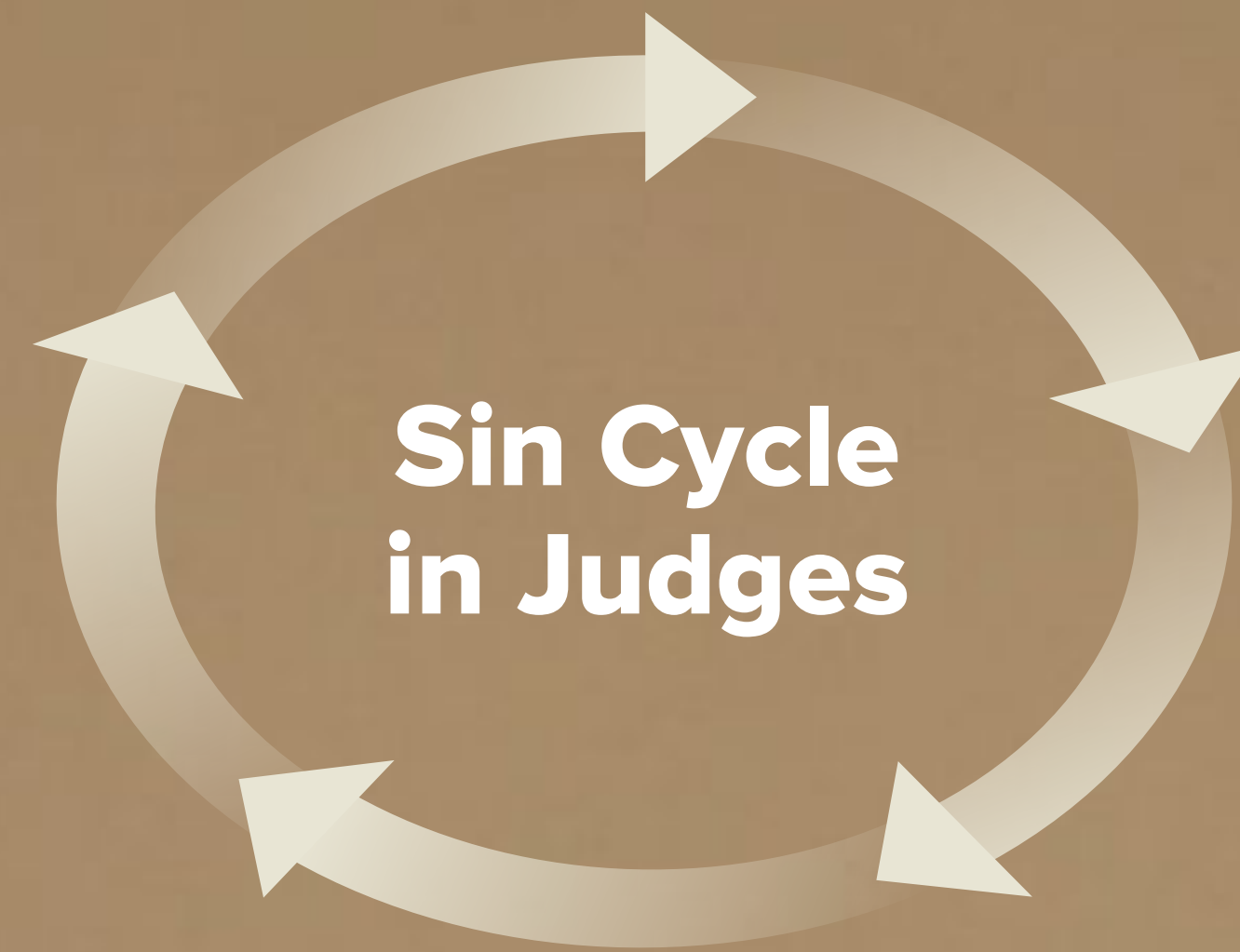




## **Judges 21:25 (niv)**

In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.





**Rest**

**Rebellion**

**Retribution**

**Repentance**

**Restoration**





**Proverbs 14:12 (nasb 2020)**

There is a way which seems right to a person, but its end is the way of death.





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# Ruth

## Ruth 2:1-3 (niv)

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.<sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter."<sup>3</sup> So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.



# God's Law

## Leviticus 23:22 (esv)

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. **You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner:** I am the LORD your God.”





# Boaz

## Ruth 2:4-7 (niv)

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The LORD be with you!” “The LORD bless you!” they answered. <sup>5</sup> Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, “Who does that young woman belong to?” <sup>6</sup> The overseer replied, “She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. <sup>7</sup> She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.”



***“Character is power.”***

**- Booker T. Washington**





# Kindness

## Ruth 2:8-9 (niv)

So Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, listen to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. <sup>9</sup> Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.”





# Character

## Ruth 2:10-12 (niv)

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” <sup>11</sup> Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”





# Kindness

Ruth 2:13-14 (niv)

“**May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord,**” she said. “You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.” <sup>14</sup> At mealtime Boaz said to her, “**Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.**” When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. **She ate all she wanted and had some left over.**





# Joy

## **Ruth 2:19-20 (niv)**

Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!” Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. “The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz,” she said. “The LORD bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.” She added, “That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.”





# Joy

## Ruth 2:21-23 (niv)

Then Ruth the Moabite said, “He even said to me, ‘Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.’ ” <sup>22</sup> Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else’s field you might be harmed.” <sup>23</sup> So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.



# Faithfulness

## Ruth 3:1 (niv)

One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for."





# Faithfulness

Ruth 3:5 (niv)

“I will do whatever you say,” Ruth answered.



# Character

## Ruth 3:10-12 (niv)

“The LORD bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that **you are a woman of noble character.** <sup>12</sup> Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I.”





# Patience

## Ruth 3:16-18 (niv)

When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?” Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her <sup>17</sup> and added, “He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’” <sup>18</sup> Then Naomi said, “**Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens.** For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today.”



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## Fruit of God's Spirit in Us

Love, joy, peace

Patience, kindness, goodness

Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

