



Walking with God:

A Study on the Book of

Ruth

Day Seven

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Welcome back to Day Seven of our study on the book of Ruth! God will bless you greatly for your diligence in studying His Word. Please take a moment to ready your heart for Bible study by confessing any transgressions to God. Now please ask Him to fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit. Gather your study materials, turn on your computer and let's do some Bible study!

1. Please start by reading all of Chapter Two in the book of Ruth. As you read, please highlight, mark, or notate anything new that God reveals to you today in your Bible or journal.
2. Now please read Ruth Chapter Two in a different version of the Bible. Make notes in your Bible or journal. If you do not have another version please go to Blue Letter Bible (BLB) at the following link: <http://www.blueletterbible.org/>
3. Please look back at your lesson from Day Six and write your theme word for Chapter Two in the space provided: _____

The theme that I came up with for Chapter Two is *glean*. (If you came up with a different word that is fine. Use the *Study Tools* and *Encyclopedia and Dictionaries* links to study your theme word at this time if you wish. Record your findings in your journal.) Because *gleaning* is an important concept for the second chapter of Ruth we must do a little research on this concept.

4. Please type *Ruth 2* in the *Bible/Dictionary Search* search bar and hit *enter* or *return*.
 - a. Ruth 2:2 is the first time *glean* is used in the book of Ruth. Please click on the blue box with the *C*, drop down and click on the *H* number for *glean* and record your findings in your journal.
 - b. At the top, underneath *Lexicon Results*, it says *Strong's H3950 – laqat*. Underneath *Strong's H3950 – laqat* *glean* is written in Hebrew. Please copy the Hebrew word for *glean* in your journal. (Hebrew is written and read from **right to left**.)
 - c. Now, on this screen please scroll down until you see a list of all the other places where the word *glean* is found in the Bible. Please click on the blue reference for Lev 19:9.

- d. Read Lev 19:9-10 and record every detail you learn concerning *gleaning*.
5. Now please scroll back up and click on the *Study Tools*, then *Encyclopedias and Dictionaries*, then *Dictionary Word Search (over 53,00 entries)*, next the blue box with the *G* in it, then scroll down and click on the blue *Gl-*. Finally scroll down the blue list of *Gl* words and click on the entries for *glean* and *gleaning*. Read these entries and then write your findings in your journal.

Please take a moment to think about what you have learned about *gleaning* and please answer the following questions:

- a. How does God want you to apply the concept of gleaning to your life?
- b. From what sources are you gleaning (t.v. programs, movies, friends, etc)?
- c. Are these gleanings nourishing to your mind, spirit and soul?
- d. Who is gleaning from you?
- e. What are they gleaning from you?

Yesterday, in our study time we answered a question concerning Ruth and Naomi's biggest problem. Probably you wrote down finding food or shelter. Isn't it amazing that hundreds of years before Ruth and Naomi went to Bethlehem, God made provision for them to gather food through the process of gleaning?

The greatest physical need of Ruth and Naomi—nourishment—is the greatest spiritual need for modern day Christians. Our spiritual nourishment comes from the Word of God.

6. What do you do on a daily basis, to *glean* God's Word?

7. Please read Deuteronomy 24:19-22.

- a. From all that you have learned today, who is allowed to glean the fields?

Those who have *more* allow those who have *less* to glean from their fields. All of us fall into both of those categories; we should all be gleaning from someone else and we should all allow others to glean from us. Ruth also fits into both of these categories.

8. From whom was Ruth gleaning? Who was *gleaning* from Ruth (verse 18)?

Despite her own poverty, need and hunger, instead of holding back, Ruth gave to Naomi out of her lack.

I have often held back because of what seemed to be a small gift, an inadequate resource, a scant supply. But God takes our small *gleaning* and by His mighty power, He multiplies our gift to feed His people. Our only requirement is to *give*.

9. What is God calling you to give today? How can you give this gift? Who needs this gift?

Please close by reading Ruth Chapter Two one final time today.

God bless you.

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