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Hello, and welcome back for another day of Bible study on the book of Ruth! Thank you for your diligence and commitment to the Word of God. I pray that you will be greatly blessed from your study time today. Please gather your study materials and turn on your computer. Take some time to go before our Lord to receive His forgiveness and ask for His insight as we study His Word today. Let's dig in!

1. Please read all of Chapter Two of Ruth and record any insights or special verses in your study journal. Write your initials on the line when you completed this task: _____. Remember God's word continually unfolds truth and wisdom; we will never finish learning a section of Scripture.
2. Please scan Chapter Two again and record everything you learn concerning Boaz. Look for words that are used to describe him and conversations or actions that allude to his character.
3. Now please go to BLB and research the Hebrew meaning for *Boaz*. Also, use the *Study Tools* link to further investigate the man *Boaz*.
<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>
 - a. Record what you learn about *Boaz* in your journal. Also, please write the Hebrew name for *Boaz* in your journal.
 - b. Taking into consideration what we learned earlier in this study about the importance of Hebrew names, that they carry prophetic significance concerning the destiny or character of the person, what inferences or applications can you draw from the meaning of the name *Boaz*? (Use the fill-in-the-blank to help you with this question.)

Boaz was *quick* to _____.

Did you discover that *Boaz* was not only the name of a person but also the name of one of the pillars of Solomon's temple? We will consider this in greater depth in Chapter Four of our study.

Now we are going to study some of the words used to describe Boaz.

4. Probably Ruth 2:1 of your version of the Bible opens with, "There was a **relative** of Naomi's husband..." Other version may use the word *man* or *relation* in place of *relative*. Please go to Ruth 2:1 on BLB. Next to Ruth 2:1, please click on the blue *V* box and read the KJV for Ruth 2:1.
 - a. What word does the KJV use in place of *relative*?
 - b. Now please scroll back up and click on the blue *C* box to bring up the *Lexicon* for Ruth 2:1, and click on the blue *H number* for *kinsman*. Please record what you learn about *kinsman* in your journal. Please follow the *Root Word (Etymology)* link and notate your findings.
 - c. Next please use the Study Tools/Encyclopedias and Dictionaries/Dictionary Word Search/*K* button/*Ki-* chain of links to further study the term *kinsman*. Notate any interesting findings in your journal.
 - d. Based on what you have learned from your research, can you find any encouragement for your own present problems?

Despite the fact that we often feel alone and hopeless when trials loom large and dark, God provides a Redeemer in our situation. He always sends a kinsman to point us to the true Kinsman—Jesus.

5. Next, please type Ruth 2:1 in the *Word or Verse* search bar of the *BLB Searches* section on the right side of your screen. We are going to research two other words used to describe Boaz—**great** (your Bible may use the word *mighty*, *influential*, *standing*, or *worthy* in place of *great*) and **wealth**.
 - a. Now, please click the blue *C* box to bring up the *Lexicon*. Click on the *H number* for the word *mighty*. Record your findings in your journal.
 - b. Please make sure to follow the *Root Word* link and scroll down to read *Gesenius's Lexicon Help* for both *gibbowr* and *gabar*.
 - c. Next, please follow the same process for the word *wealth*.
6. Now, please read verses Ruth 2:4, 13, 14, and 15. If you did not already, please name a few other qualities that describe Boaz.
7. Please read verse 20 again.
 - a. To whom does Naomi acknowledge for the kindness that was shown to herself and Ruth?

b. Please describe in your journal the change that is taking place in Naomi.

- i. Whom is God using to bring about this change (name two people)?
- ii. What application can you draw from these verses to how God works in your life and the lives of those around you?
- iii. In your present challenge, whom is God using to comfort and encourage you? Who is the *Boaz* in your life?
- iv. Even if you are currently enduring your own hardship, what can you do to comfort and encourage another brother or sister who is in the middle of their own trial?

In closing, God promises that He will never leave us or forsake us. While we are on this earth He often uses other people to minister, encourage and provide for us. Please take a moment to pray and thank God for the *Boaz* in your life.

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