



# DOVER DAILY DEVOTIONS

On Sunday, we reflected on Ruth’s journey of faith and courage as a foreigner in Bethlehem, where she trusted God to provide even in uncertain circumstances. We looked at how God’s law of gleaning ensured care for the vulnerable, allowing Ruth to gather food and experience God’s provision through Boaz’s kindness. Boaz’s protection and generosity to Ruth went beyond the minimum, reflecting God’s compassion and inviting us to care for others with the same heart. Finally, as Naomi recognized Boaz as a “redeemer” for their family, we saw a powerful picture of Jesus as our Redeemer, who offers us grace, security, and an unshakable hope for the future.

## **Monday: Ruth’s Courage in a New Land**

### **Scripture Reading:**

Ruth 2:1–3

### **Devotional:**

Ruth finds herself in Bethlehem, a foreigner in a land unfamiliar and potentially hostile. Yet, despite her precarious position, Ruth doesn’t withdraw. Instead, she asks Naomi’s permission to glean in the fields, showing her courage and readiness to take action. Ruth’s faith is active—she chooses to do what she can to support Naomi and herself, even if the path is uncertain. This humility and courage resonate with anyone who’s ever felt uncertain yet chosen to act in faith.

As Ruth goes to glean, she trusts that someone will show her favor. She is unaware of what awaits her or if she will even be welcomed. However, she steps out, motivated by a blend of trust and necessity. Ruth’s decision to glean reflects her belief that God’s provision will meet her efforts, illustrating a faith that isn’t passive but responsive to her circumstances.

God invites us, too, to step out in trust even when the future is unclear. Ruth's faith wasn't one of knowing but of trusting—a faith willing to walk forward without knowing the end result. Like Ruth, we can choose to place our confidence in God's provision and trust that He will guide us as we step out in faith.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like a “foreigner”? How did you step forward?
2. What steps might God be calling you to take today that require faith and courage?
3. How does Ruth's example challenge you to act in faith, even if you feel uncertain about the outcome?

## **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for Ruth's example of courage and faith. Give us the courage to step forward, trusting that You will meet us. When we feel uncertain, help us remember that You guide us as we trust in You. We place our confidence in Your provision and timing. Amen.

# **Tuesday: God's Provision Through Gleaning**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Leviticus 19:9–10

## **Devotional:**

Ruth's story unfolds against the backdrop of God's laws on gleaning, given to Israel to care for the poor and foreigner. Through this law, God made sure that even the vulnerable could gather food and be provided for. By leaving portions of the harvest in the fields, God taught His people to show compassion, creating an economy where generosity and justice were woven into everyday life.

Ruth's act of gleaning demonstrates a trust in God's provision and the kindness of others. She steps out in faith, knowing that the act of gleaning is a path God Himself had established. God's provision often flows through the obedience and compassion of His people. When we extend kindness and care to others, we participate in God's plan of provision and blessing for the vulnerable.

As Ruth gleans, God meets her with not only sustenance but favor through Boaz, a man who embodies God’s law in both letter and spirit. Like Ruth, we are invited to trust God’s provision, knowing He often works through others. We are also called to be like Boaz, leaving space for others to experience God’s care through us.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What does gleaning look like in your own life—how are you sharing with those in need?
2. How might God be inviting you to trust in His provision through difficult times?
3. Where have you experienced God’s provision through the generosity of others?

## **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for caring for us and teaching us to care for others. Help us trust Your provision and to act as vessels of Your generosity. May we embody Your kindness in our interactions with those around us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

# **Wednesday: God’s Protection Through Boaz**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Ruth 2:8–9

## **Devotional:**

Boaz’s concern for Ruth is immediate and fatherly. He tells her to stay in his fields, protecting her from possible harm and ensuring she can glean safely. His actions reveal a genuine kindness that goes beyond mere duty, embodying the heart of God’s law by protecting and providing for the vulnerable. Boaz’s response reminds us that God’s protection often comes through the compassion and care of others.

Through Boaz’s kindness, Ruth finds a safe space where she can glean without fear. In our own lives, we too can be the “Boaz” for others, offering protection, hospitality, and care. God’s care for us often arrives through people willing to extend themselves beyond duty, reflecting His love and mercy.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we’re called to exceed the minimum, like Boaz. Instead of simply following the rules, God invites us to step into a faith that sees the needs of

others and acts to meet them. As we do, we become instruments of His love, creating a world where His heart for the vulnerable is made visible.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Who has shown you kindness and protection in your own journey of faith?
2. How can you be a “Boaz” for someone in need of support or encouragement?
3. What steps can you take to extend care and compassion to those around you this week?

## **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for Your protection and care. Help us to see those in need around us and to respond with kindness. May we reflect Your heart, offering safety and encouragement to others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

# **Thursday: Shelter Under God’s Wings**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 91:4

## **Devotional:**

Boaz blesses Ruth by saying, “May you be richly rewarded by the Lord...under whose wings you have come to take refuge” (Ruth 2:12). This image of God’s wings is one of protection, comfort, and provision, a place where we are sheltered from life’s storms. For Ruth, it was more than just words; God truly became her refuge, providing for her through Boaz’s kindness and favor.

In Scripture, God’s wings symbolize His unwavering care and protection. In Psalm 91:4, we read, “He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge.” This promise reminds us that we can run to God in every season, finding rest, security, and peace in Him.

No matter where we are in our journey, God invites us to take refuge under His wings. In Him, we find a love that never fails, a strength that never falters, and a protection that endures. Just as Ruth trusted God to be her refuge, so too can we place our trust in Him, knowing He is always near.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where do you need to seek refuge in God’s presence today?
2. How does the image of “God’s wings” bring comfort to you?
3. Who in your life needs the reminder of God’s protection and love?

## **Prayer:**

Father, thank You for being our refuge. Help us to trust in Your protection and to find our rest under Your wings. May we share this comfort with those around us, reminding them of Your unfailing love. Amen.

# **Friday: Lavish Grace and Provision**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Ruth 2:14-16

## **Devotional:**

Boaz’s kindness towards Ruth goes beyond expectation. He not only allows her to glean but invites her to eat with him and instructs his workers to leave extra grain for her. Boaz embodies a grace that is abundant, reflecting the generous love of God who provides “more than we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20).

This grace reminds us of the way God cares for us, providing not only for our needs but often showering us with blessings beyond expectation. Boaz’s actions reflect God’s character—He is a provider who gives generously, inviting us to sit at His table and partake in His goodness.

In Jesus, we see the ultimate example of God’s grace and generosity. Just as Boaz ensured Ruth’s needs were met, God in Christ meets our deepest needs, giving us salvation, hope, and a future. God’s grace is lavish, and He calls us to share this grace with others.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. How has God’s grace provided for you abundantly in ways you didn’t expect?
2. What does it mean for you to experience God’s provision at His “table”?
3. How can you extend this grace to others in your community?

## **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for Your generous grace. Help us to recognize Your blessings and to respond with gratitude. May we share Your grace and generosity with those in need around us. Amen.

# **Saturday: Hope in the Redeemer**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Ruth 2:20–23

## **Devotional:**

When Ruth returns with her gleanings, Naomi begins to see a glimmer of hope. Learning that Boaz is a family redeemer—a relative who could choose to restore their family—Naomi realizes that God’s hand has been at work all along. Boaz’s kindness offers the possibility of redemption, hope, and a secure future for Ruth and Naomi.

Just as Boaz acted as a redeemer, we have a Redeemer in Jesus. Through His sacrifice, Jesus restores our broken relationship with God, offering us new life and a future filled with hope. Naomi’s response reminds us that no matter how deep our sorrow or despair, God’s redemptive power can bring new life and purpose.

The story of Ruth and Boaz points us to the ultimate redemption we have in Christ. In Him, we find not only provision and protection but also a promise that our future is secure. Through Jesus, our Redeemer, we have hope that is unshakeable and a life that is made whole.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. How has God brought hope into your life during challenging seasons?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus is your Redeemer?
3. How can you share this hope with someone who needs encouragement?

## **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Redeemer. Thank You for the hope and future You give us. Help us to trust in Your redemption and to share Your love with others. May we live with hearts filled with gratitude for Your grace. Amen.

