"Naomi had a relative on her husband's side of the family. The relative's name was Boaz. He was a very important man from the family of Elimelek. Ruth, who was from Moab, spoke to Naomi. Ruth said, "Let me go out to the fields. I'll pick up the grain that has been left. I'll do it behind anyone who is pleased with me." Naomi said to her, "My daughter, go ahead." So Ruth went out to a field and began to pick up grain. She worked behind those cutting and gathering the grain. As it turned out, she was working in a field that belonged to Boaz. He was from the family of Elimelek."

Ruth 2:1-3 NIRV



When Ruth heard that, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why are you being so kind to me? In fact, why are you even noticing me? I'm from another country." Boaz replied, "I've been told all about you. I've heard about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. I know that you left your father and mother. I know that you left your country. You came to live with people you didn't know before. May the Lord reward you for what you have done. May the Lord, the God of Israel, bless you richly. You have come to him to find safety under his care." "Sir, I hope you will continue to be kind to me," Ruth said. "You have made me feel safe. You have spoken kindly to me. And I'm not even as important as one of your servants!"

Ruth 2:10-13 NIRV

"May the Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-inlaw. "The Lord is still being kind to those who are living and those who are dead." She continued, "That man is a close relative of ours. He's one of our family protectors."

Ruth 2:20 NIRV

"Dear woman, may the Lord bless you," he replied. "You are showing even more kindness now than you did earlier. You didn't run after the younger men, whether they were rich or poor. Dear woman, don't be afraid. I'll do for you everything you ask. All the people of my town know that you are an excellent woman. It's true that I'm a relative of yours. But there's a family protector who is more closely related to you than I am.'

Ruth 3:10-12 NIRV

'Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses. You have seen that I have bought land from Naomi. I have bought all the property that had belonged to Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. I've also taken Ruth, who is from Moab, to become my wife. She is Mahlon's widow. I've decided to marry her so the dead man's name will stay with his property. Now his name won't disappear from his family line or from his hometown.

Today you are witnesses!"' Ruth 4:9-10 NIRV

QUESTIONS:



- 1. In whose field did Ruth pick up grain?
- 2. How did Boaz show Ruth kindness?
- 3. What is a family-protector or kinsman-redeemer?
- 4. Who was Ruth and Boaz's great grandson?
- 5. Who is our Family-protector or Kinsman-redeemer?

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