

Title: "Not a Chance"

Text: Ruth 2

Target: To reduce our circumstances both positive and negative to a lucky break, bad luck, bad timing, fortune or fate, fails to take into consideration that the God that we serve is all powerful, all seeing and all knowing. Today's message helps us see that He isn't a distance God, but a detailed God who is working for your good and for His glory.

1. Field of Grace (Vs. 1-13)

A. Naomi's Persistence: *"let me go to the field" (Vs. 2)*

- **Trusting God for Food:** *"glean" (Vs. 2) (Lev. 19:9-10, Deut. 24:19)*
- **Trusting God for Favor:** *"I shall find favor" (Vs. 2)*

B. God's Providence: *"she happened" (Vs. 3)*

- **The Right Place:** *"Field belonging to Boaz" (Vs. 3)*
- **The Right Point in Time:** *"and Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem" (Vs. 4)*
- **The Right Person:** *"whose young woman is this?" (Vs. 5-7)*

C. Boaz's Profile: *"In the strength of Yahweh, I rejoice, I trust"*

- **His Character:**
 - a. Related: *"relative of her husband" (Vs. 1)*
 - b. Reputable: *"a worthy man" (Vs. 1) *Proverbs 31*
 - c. Respectful: *"The Lord be with you" (Vs. 4) "My daughter" (Vs. 8)*
- **His Compassion:**
 - a. Supply: *"don't glean in another field...keep close to my young women" (Vs. 8)*
 - b. Shield: *"charged the young men not to touch you?" (Vs. 9)*
 - c. Sustenance: *"drink what the young men have drawn" (Vs. 9)*
- **His Conviction:**
 - d. To Commend: *"has been fully told to me" (Vs.11)*
 - e. To Convey: *"under whose wings you have come to take refuge" (Vs. 12)*

2. Table of Grace (Vs. 14-17)

- a. **Gave a seat of prominence.** *"come here...she sat beside the reapers" (Vs. 14)*
- b. **Gave a statement of importance.** *"dip your morsel in the wine." (Vs. 14)*
- c. **Gave servings of significance.** *"she ate until she was satisfied" (Vs. 14)*
- d. **Gave sheaves from abundance.** *"it was about an ephah of barley" (Vs. 17)*

3. House of Grace (Vs. 18-23)

- a. **Hope Awakened.** *"She had left over after being satisfied". (Vs. 18)*

- b. **Peace was Afforded** *“whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead” (Vs. 20)*
- c. **Blessings Abounded:** *“close relative...one of our redeemers” (Vs. 20) *Deut. 25:5-10*
- d. **Security was allotted:** *“until the end of the barley and wheat harvest” (Vs. 23)*

Take Away: The moments where you feel like God no longer cares or has abandoned you at the worst of times, take comfort in the progression of His purpose in your life. See, the field of grace, table of grace, and house of grace as His gift to you!