

# Serving Your Physical Family

## Examples

### Points to Consider

1. Ruth served Naomi
2. Naomi served Ruth
3. Boaz served Ruth and Naomi

### Ruth served Naomi

**Ruth 1:16-18** *But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." 18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. NIV*

Ruth served Naomi by providing her \_\_\_\_\_ when she was lonely. The first line of defense against loneliness is the physical family.

**Ruth 2:2-3** *And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." 3 So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech. NIV*

Ruth served Naomi by \_\_\_\_\_ hard to provide her food.

**Ruth 2:4-7** *Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered him, "The Lord bless you!" 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. 7 And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house." NKJV*

Ruth worked all day with just a \_\_\_\_\_ break. She impressed Boaz' servant.

**Ruth 2:11-12** *And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." NKJV*

Boaz had heard \_\_\_\_\_ that Ruth had done for Naomi. This included leaving her family, her birth land, and her gods.

**Ruth 2:17-18** *So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. NKJV*

Ruth worked all day and had gathered about a \_\_\_\_\_ of grain. Ruth had a productive day!

## Naomi served Ruth

**Ruth 2:19-23** *And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives." 21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" 22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field." 23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law. NKJV*

Naomi served Ruth by giving her good \_\_\_\_\_.  
She told Ruth it was important for her to do \_\_\_\_\_ as Boaz had told her.  
Naomi told Ruth not even be \_\_\_\_\_ in any other field.  
Naomi knew that if Ruth was seen in another field that word would get back to Boaz and ruin everything.

**Ruth 3:10** *Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.*

Naomi's advice proved to be \_\_\_\_\_. Boaz noticed that Ruth had not gone after any young man.

**Ruth 3:1-5** *Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? 2 Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3 Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do." 5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do." NKJV*

Naomi gave Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ advice on how to "catch" a godly man.  
This also gave Ruth the opportunity to have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ruth 1:11-13** *But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go — for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having*

husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!" NKJV

Naomi was \_\_\_\_\_ about her daughters-in-law being able to find a husband and have children from the very beginning.

## Boaz served Ruth and Naomi

**Ruth 2:8-9** Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." NKJV

Boaz served Ruth by giving her \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ruth 2:14-16** Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back. 15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." NKJV

Boaz served Ruth by giving her a \_\_\_\_\_.

Boaz served Ruth by giving her \_\_\_\_\_. She sat beside the reapers.

Boaz served Ruth by \_\_\_\_\_ her work load.

He did this by having his reapers drop bundles on purpose and by letting her drink water \_\_\_\_\_ by his workers.

**Ruth 3:8-13** Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." 10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. 12 Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. 13 Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you — good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until morning." NKJV

Boaz served Ruth by \_\_\_\_\_ her.

Boaz served Ruth by promising her that \_\_\_\_\_ would care for her.

**Ruth 3:14-18** So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "Don't let it be known that a woman came to the threshing floor." 15 He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and put it on her. Then he went back to town. 16 When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her 17 and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

*18 Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today." NIV*

Boaz served Naomi by \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth barley to take to her.  
Naomi served Ruth again by telling her to be patient.

**Ruth 4:9-17** *Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!" 11 Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah." 13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." 16 Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. 17 The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. NIV*

Boaz served Ruth, Naomi, and \_\_\_\_\_ by marrying Ruth.  
They all served God!

God \_\_\_\_\_ for all of them by blessing them with a child thus allowing King David, and eventually the Christ, to come from their offspring.

## Conclusion

**Motto for the year – “We will serve God by serving others and serve others by serving God.”**