

It Was an Ordinary Day When...	Ruth 2:1-7	King of the Ordinary	June 5, 2025
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Darkness, tragedy, and suffering are never in the final chapter of God's story. His great redemptive work continues on the next page, in the ordinary details of our daily obedience.

The King of the Ordinary supremely and sovereignly uses the faithful, plodding actions of regular people in their various roles, in various life stations, and in various emotional states. As the most skilled author, God continues writing His redemptive story. Let's jump into the lives of Ruth and Naomi as they struggle to get on with living. We start out in an ordinary day after a bitter season.

1. It was an ordinary day after a bitter season (v1-2)

Naomi and Ruth were devastated by tragedy.

Ruth dutifully sets out to gather food. It was a simple, humble choice that God used to move His story forward.

2. Divine Providence in an Ordinary Time (v3)

Verse 1 is a sidebar for the readers, a foreshadowing of HOPE. Boaz was a WORTHY man, a *"gibbôr ḥayil"*

The term is used to define might, strength and courage, moral character and integrity, righteousness, noble character, wealth, wisdom, leadership and influence, competency, agency.

Ruth "finds herself" in the field of a *gibbôr ḥayil* through no plot or plans of her own. It was by divine providence.

3. Boaz's Character and Christ's Redeeming Grace (v4-7)

As a *gibbôr ḥayil*, Boaz is demonstrated to be a type and shadow of Christ to come.

Boaz points to Christ as a man of Might & Valor, a Protector, a Righteous One, a Provider, a Redeemer, a Restorer

In God's story, ordinary people in ordinary places become the setting for extraordinary grace and restoration.

Application: Trusting God's Work in Our Ordinary Days

- *You might be like Naomi.* Leaning on Christ, trust that His plan doesn't stop with your tragedy.
- *You might be like Ruth.* Be faithful in life, according to God's ways. Work hard and trust God for the increase. (Colossians 3:23)
- *You might be like Boaz.* Continue to be diligent in your affairs, doing them as unto the Lord. Trust that he will use your efforts and abilities. (Colossians 3:24)

Our "Ordinary Days" could be part of someone else's redemption.

Naomi's normal day became Ruth's blessing. Ruth's obedience became Naomi's blessing. Boaz' diligence in his business blessed Ruth and Naomi. Incredibly, all three individuals were used by God to lead to the birth of the King of Kings. So your small actions, when done in faith, can impact others more than you know.

REMEMBER:

- It was an ordinary day when Ruth went out to glean... but God was turning the page.
- Darkness, tragedy, and suffering are not in the final chapter of God's story.
- His great redemptive work continues on in the ups and downs, and ordinary details of our daily walk.

Don't despise ordinary days. Do your best in all you do, because you are serving Christ. Trust that God is still writing His story of grace and redemption.