

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### *MOVING Weekend 1*

Help us move our storage and offices!

**Saturday, October 14th**

Join us for Men's breakfast at 8am and then move our offices at 9:30am. Please bring gloves and tools to dismantle desks

-and/or-

**Sunday, October 15th. Please stay after service and take a load over to our new property and unload into storage container.** Please bring gloves, trucks, tie downs and dump trailers.

Questions: connect@ourelement.org

### *Informational Meeting for Fostering Respite Care*

**Sunday October 29th @ 1pm**

Learn more about the foster system, and the needs for respite care for foster parents.

Info meeting only, no obligations.

Questions: ordinarygc@ourelement.org

### *Parent/Leader Breakfast of Middle & High Schoolers*

**October 21st, 10-11a**

Parents are invited to our Parent/Leader breakfast to meet your students' leaders and partner with them to help your kids' faith grow. Full Breakfast will be served!  
efamily@ourelement.org

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## Story Within The Story Week Seven: Keeping Close (Man Tips) – Ruth 2:14-23



### *Today's Verses:*

Ruth 2:20  
John 14:6  
Ruth 2:14-23

Number 6:4  
Luke 23:34  
Ephesians 5:1

## Story Within The Story Week Seven: Keeping Close (Man Tips) – Ruth 2:14-23

Ruth is a book about Providence and Redemption. In one sense, all of the Bible is about God's Providence and Redemption, but it is very strongly pronounced in Ruth; it is one of the reasons we are calling this series "The Story Within the Story." Today we will look at the very practical ways that Boaz honors Ruth (and others) in ways that are strong and masculine, while not being chauvinistic.

Boaz is a great catch for Ruth based on 15 indicators in the text.

- His character (Ruth 2:1).
- Boaz isn't afraid to show that he knows God! (Ruth 2:4)
- He NOTICES. (Ruth 2:5)
- Boaz honors what is front of him.
- Boaz provides friendship and community. (Ruth 2:8)
- Boaz protects Ruth.
- Boaz tells Ruth her character is beautiful. (Ruth 2:11)
- Boaz honors her publicly.
- Boaz prays for her. (Ruth 2:12)
- Boaz comforts her. (Ruth 2:13)
- Boaz offers grace.
- Boaz feeds her. (Ruth 2:14)
- Boaz serves Ruth.
- Boaz treats Ruth with respect and in turn treats Naomi with respect. (Ruth 2:14)
- Boaz invests in those around him. (Ruth 2:15)

On the way home men ask one another, "*is there anything I can do to make myself more attractive to you?*" - AND "*Is there anything in my character that you find unattractive?*" Don't argue, don't get defensive, just listen.

We need to see that God has sent us into the world to be His hands and feet. This is how Jesus shows us the Gospel; on the cross Jesus prays, Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them" and then dies to bring about that forgiveness.

### Introduction

We need to pray for people, but also see how God can use us as well. *Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children...*

### Discussion

**If you are married, what is it you value most in your marriage?**

**If you are unmarried, what is it you value most in your friendships?**

### Explanation

**Based on your answer above, are you in relationships for what you can get from them or to serve others?**

**Do you see yourself as a "good" spouse (or friend)? Why?**

### Application - Read Ruth 2:18-19

**What, in the list of what Boaz did, are things that you do to show Jesus to others?**

**What are things you could work on?**

**How could your GC help you work on those things?**

### Mission - Read Ephesians 5:1

**What prayers are you currently offering for others?**

**Are there any ways you can be part of the answer to those prayers?**

### Homework: Read Ruth 3

**Are you a good steward of your body?**

**How can you display God's kindness to others?**

