

RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Ruth 2:1-12.

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Ruth 4:13-15, Ecclesiastes 9:11 & Psalm 32:8-9 (NLT)

PRAYER POINT

Pray that your heart will be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, wholly trusting in God to take you to the best pathway for your life, where you will meet the right people, access the right information, and get the right opportunities at the right time.

Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field *belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.* - Ruth 2:3

Ruth was a widowed foreigner who came to Israel to leave her past behind and forage for a better future in a strange land. Imagine the odds she had to fight - hopelessness, cultural barrier, segregation and the fear of stigmatization in a culture where women were treated as second class citizens.

However, on her first day to go look for a job, she HAPPENED to enter into the 'office' of one of the richest men in the community - Boaz, who also apparently was an eligible bachelor. He set his eyes on Ruth, wires crossed, and the rest was history.

What were the chances that Ruth's life could have supernaturally changed overnight? That she would have gone to the right office on the first day? That she would be employed in that office? That the CEO would take a liking to her and eventually marry her? That in due course, she would be part of the lineage of our Lord Jesus?

It is called TIMING! Right timing. Being at the Right Place at the Right time. One minute of being at the right place at the right time can make all the difference in a person's life. Timing is powerful and affects so much in our lives. The Olympics runner knows that a millisecond can make the difference between him and the gold medal, and a pregnant woman whose baby comes in the sixth month will understand the value of one or two months. King Solomon observed and said, "The race is not to the swift...nor favor to men of skill but time and chance happen to them all."

Ruth got to Israel in the season of Barley harvest, at a time when the reapers were working...and more importantly, at the time when Boaz came from Bethlehem to the field to greet his workers. Imagine if Ruth went a year, a day or an hour earlier or later? Who knows? God rules in the affairs of men and times and seasons are in His hands. You must trust Him with the seasons of your life, learning to respond to the 'promptings' of His Holy Spirit. Believe and trust that His invisible hand will lead you to the best pathway for your life; because, "The steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord." (Psalm 37:23)

You do not need to know all the details when God is ordering your steps; maybe you don't like the path God is taking you through, but just trust that He will lead to a great place. The song writer said, "My God knows the way through the wilderness, all I have to do is to follow." God can divinely connect you to your heart's desires - spiritually, emotionally or materially. Trust Him wholeheartedly and simply follow His leadership. He has it all figured out; He will place you at the right place at the right time.

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