

All In- In Him Is Strength Ryan White/Family Pastor September 22, 2019

Key Passage: Ruth 2:1-19

What is God's hesed $(\overrightarrow{Q} \stackrel{!}{\square})$?

• It is his extraordinary loyalty, gracious devotion, and relentless love to those whom he calls his own.

Whom does God call his own?

• Ours is a God of refuge who spreads his wing of protection over the needy and the marginalized, especially the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the immigrant.

What is gleaning?

• "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the immigrant: I am the LORD your God." (Lev. 19:9-10)

How is Boaz a model for the godly business leader?

- A rightly-formed identity.
 - Boaz sees himself as a steward, not an owner (Lev. 23:25, 1Cor. 6:19-20); God's foreman, not the master (Col. 3:23 4:1).
- A kingdom-appropriate <u>vision</u>
 - Boaz sees his business as a vehicle for blessing, not a machine for profit maximization (Gen. 12:2-4).
- God-honoring <u>priorities</u>
 - As a businessman, Boaz is concerned with reflecting God's character and advancing his purposes in the world (Matt. 5:16).

Our God is a God of welcome and refuge who extends his hesed to the marginalized through us.

