#### **Leviticus 19:9-10** (HCS)

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very edge of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 You must not strip your vineyard bare or gather its fallen grapes. Leave them for the poor and the foreign resident; I am LORD your God.

#### **Deuteronomy 24:19 (HCS)**

When you reap the harvest in your field, and you forget a sheaf in the field, do not go back to get it. It is to be left for the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

#### **Ruth 2:2** (HCS)

Ruth the Moabitess asked Naomi, "Will you let me go into the fields and gather fallen grain behind someone who allows me to?"

Naomi answered her, "Go ahead, my daughter."

#### **Ruth 2:3** (HCS)

So Ruth left and entered the field to gather grain behind the harvesters. She happened to be in the portion of land belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

# The HARVEST is NOW

Ruth 2.1-23

Deuteronomy 24:21-22 (NIV)
...Leave what remains for the ALIEN,
the FATHERLESS and the WIDOW.

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt.
That is WHY I command you to do this.













### → RUTH Refused to be Controlled by her FEARS

### God DID...

- >PROTECT Ruth
- >PROVIDE for Ruth

#### Boaz...

- ➤ gives Ruth on-going PERMISSION to Glean
- ➤ tells Ruth to stay Close to His **SERVANT** girls
- ➤ assures her of his **PROTECTION** from any harassment
- > PROVIDES her with food and water while she works

<sup>12</sup> May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, **REWARD you FULLY** for what you have done. (NLT)



## → We are Called to show the KINDNESS

#### BOAZ...

- >treated her as a person of WORTH
- >helped her GAIN good results
- >ACCEPTED her
- >PROTECTED her

### → Words of ENCOURAGEMENT can bring HOPE

She said, You really are being kind to me, sir, for you have reassured and
 ENCOURAGED me, your servant, even though I am NOT one of your servants.

(NET)

#### **2 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)**

May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he **OFTEN** visited and **ENCOURAGED** me.

He was **never ashamed** of me because I was in **chains**.

## → God is RULES and OVERRULES - in Every Situation