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- REVIEW:
  - Their WORLD has FALLEN APART!
  - Her FAITH has FALLEN APART!
- FOUNDATION FOR HOPE:
  - God SOVEREIGNLY uses EVERYTHING!
  - God GRACIOUSLY uses US!
- RUTH 2:2—
  - "And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor."
- FINDING FAVOR
  - There is a RISK to FAITH!
- RUTH 2:3-7—
  - "So she set out 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 clan of Elimelech. And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So when came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."
- RUTH 2:10-11—
  - "Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before."
- RUTH'S DEVOTION:
  - Ruth FOLLOWED!
  - Ruth didn't WHINE!
  - She did what COULD from where she WAS!
- RUTH 2:12—
  - "The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!
- PSALM 36:7—
  - "How precious is your steadfast love, O God!"

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- PSALM 36:7—  
"The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings."
- PSALM 36:9—  
"For with You is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light."
- RUTH 2:20—  
"And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi said, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."
- THE KINDNESS OF GOD  
Invites us into HIS FAVOR!  
Draws us by HIS MERCY!