

Week 36
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Transforming Daily
“ . . . under whose wings you have come for refuge . . . ”
Ruth 2:12

Ruth comes face to face with her generous benefactor, Boaz. He blesses her for her trust in God who generated her willingness to treat Naomi with love and kindness. According to that trust, Boaz offers her provision and protection. All of this is quite theologically and Christologically correct. When offered the opportunity for physical deliverance from her desperate situation, she chooses to trust the near kinsman who can and will meet her most pressing need.

Spiritually speaking, everyone's most pressing need is redemption. Actually, salvation is the only real *need* anyone has. The rest is technically wants. We don't need air, we want to breathe. We don't need food, we want to eat. We don't need relationships, we want to belong. You get the picture. The only real *need* we have is eternal life which only comes through Jesus Christ. To be reconciled to God, according to His will, is the most and only *need* any living soul has.

Do you remember what it was like when you first trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior? Do you remember the sense of confrontation, conviction, and the need to confess your sins? Do remember hearing the gospel and knowing that there was nothing you could do to be saved except to trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and after having done so, realize that his Word is true? Maybe you were too young to remember? Maybe your situation coming to Christ was in mass and didn't have that individual, pointed, personal feeling of deliverance? Or maybe you're not saved? Maybe your trust is in something other than Jesus Christ alone for salvation? Maybe you're saved, but you've drifted from His close fellowship?

All of this is easily remedied. If you haven't trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you can do so right now. Admit to God through prayer that you're a sinner. Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is the Savior. Confess that you're a sinner, repent (that is to turn from your sin), and receive His generous gift of eternal life (Romans 10:9-10). If you're born again, but you feel that you have drifted from the heart-warming fellowship with God, just return. He is waiting. If it is sin that has broken your fellowship (not your relationship, once saved always saved) with God, confess it and get on with your life and ministry. If it is the pressures of life, the fears and worries of this world that have caused you to become desensitized to your fellowship with God and others, just remember under whose wings you have come for refuge.