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### 1:1-22, Death and Emptiness

- 1-7, **End of a family line** in Moab
- 8-19a, Dialog on the Road
- 19b-22, Naomi and **townswomen** (**gate**)

### 2:1-23, Seeking Short-Term Security

- 1, Introducing Boaz
- 2, Home: Naomi accepts Ruth's Plan
- 3-17, **Field: Ruth meets Boaz**
- 18-23, Home: Naomi and Ruth debrief

### 3:1-18, Seeking Permanent Security

- 1-5, Home: Ruth accepts Naomi's Plan
- 6-15, Threshing Floor: Ruth and Boaz
- 16-18, Home: Naomi and Ruth debrief

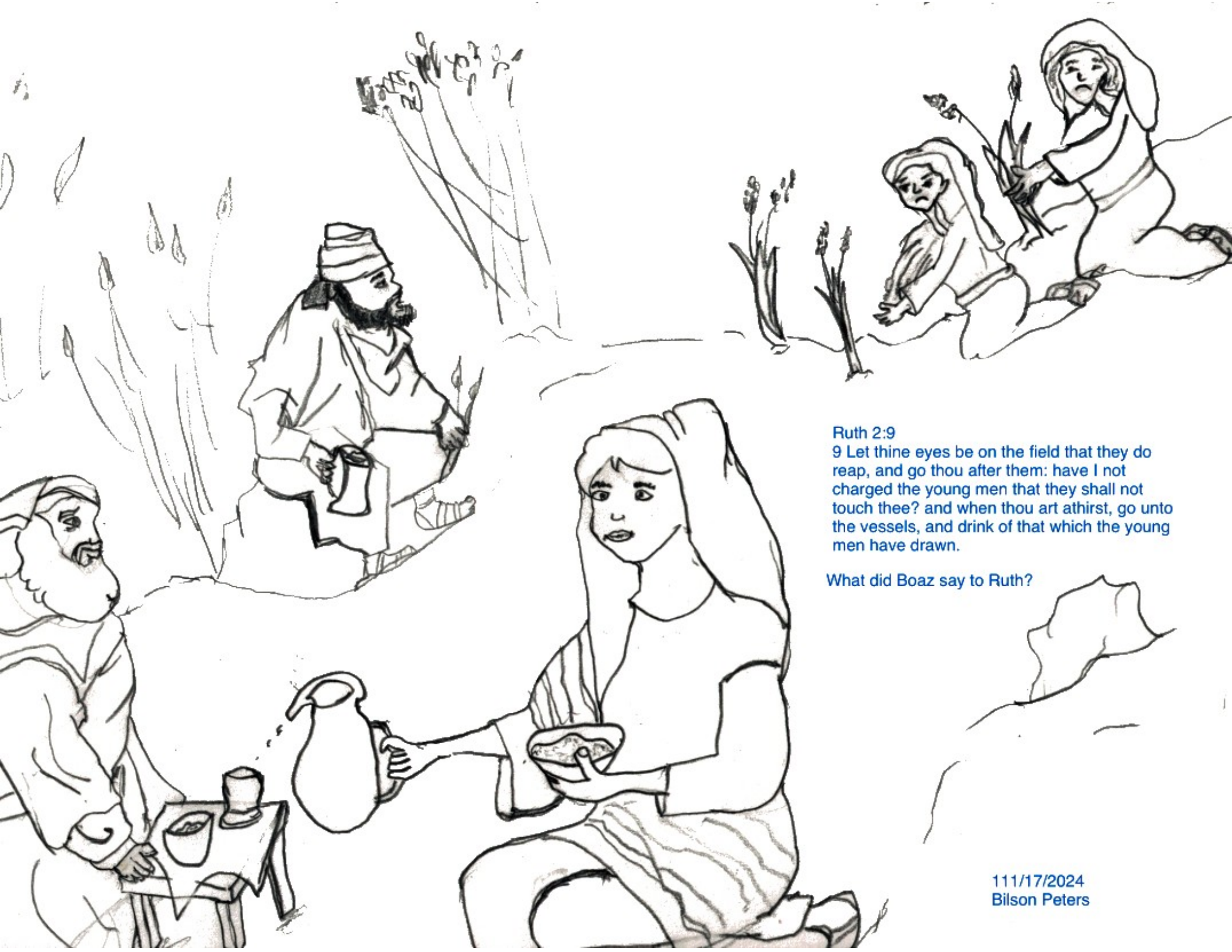
### 4:1-22, Redemption and Fullness

- 1-12, **Gate**: Boaz and elders
- 13-17, Home: Naomi and **townswomen**
- 18-22, **Beginning of royal line** in Israel

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# Chiastic Organization of Ruth 2

In Naomi's House	<b>Ruth and Naomi</b>	2 Ruth asks permission		18b-22 Naomi explains Boaz
	<b>Ruth commutes</b>	3a		18a
In Boaz's Field	<b>Ruth gleans</b>	3b		17
	<b>Boaz speaks to workers</b>	4-7 blesses reapers, talks to overseer		15-16 gives Ruth special favors
	<b>Boaz speaks to Ruth</b>	8-9 stay close to my workers		14 share our lunch
	<b>Ruth speaks to Boaz</b>	10		13
	<b>Boaz blesses Ruth</b>	11-12		



Ruth 2:9

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

What did Boaz say to Ruth?

# Source and Basis of Ruth's Blessing

Ruth (2:10, 13): find **grace** in **thine** eyes

Boaz (2:11-12):

11 all that **thou hast done** unto Naomi ...  
**thou has left** thy father and thy mother  
**[thou hast left]** the land of thy nativity  
**thou art come** unto a people ...

12 May **the Lord recompense** thy work  
May a full **reward** be given thee of **the Lord** ...  
**Thou art come to trust** under his wings

Is Boaz teaching salvation by works?

## Boaz's method

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our **admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

# Boaz Interprets Ruth's Decisions

## 11 left thy father and thy mother

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man **leave his father and his mother**, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

## the land of thy nativity H4138

Gen. 24:7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from **the land of my kindred H4138**, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land;

## a people which thou knewest not

Deut. 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: 18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the **stranger**, in giving him food and raiment. 19 **Love ye therefore the stranger**: for ye were **strangers** in the land of Egypt.

## 12 under whose wings ...

Often in Psalms (17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4)

Deu 32:11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, **fluttereth over her young**, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

## Faith as Obedience

Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were **obedient to the faith**.

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now **commandeth** all men every where to repent:

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

# Ruth's Developing View of Herself

- 2:10, “I am a stranger נְכָרִי *nokrî* H5237,” a foreigner
- 2:13, “thine handmaid שִׁפְחָה *shiphxa* H8198, a female servant, typically a lady’s maid
- 3:9, “thine handmaid אָמָה *?āmah* H519, a female servant, often as wife or concubine to the head of the house.