

RUTH: THE POWER OF PROVIDENCE  
Ruth 1:22-2:23 (NIV)

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup>And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."*

Matthew 10:29-30 (NIV)

1. God's providence leads us at the RIGHT TIME.

*So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.*

Ruth 1:22 (NIV)

2. God's providence leads us to the RIGHT PLACE.

*So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.*

Ruth 2:3 (NIV)

*"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of the field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am the LORD your God."*

Leviticus 19:9-10 (NIV)

3. God's providence leads us to the RIGHT PERSON.

*Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!" "The Lord bless you!" they answered. <sup>5</sup>Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?"*

Ruth 2:4-5 (NIV)

4. God's providence leads us to BLESS those around us.

*Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said. <sup>20</sup>"The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsmen-redeemers."*

Ruth 2:19b-20 (NIV)

Bottom Line: God's providence is proof of His LOVE and PURPOSE for us.