

Seeing God in the Ordinary

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- IV. Recognizing God's Hand in _____ (vs.17–23)
Cp. Genesis 50:20; John 13:7; Psalm 126:3

So What ...

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But God was guiding her every _____.

Boaz thought he was just checking on his _____ ...
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Naomi thought her life was _____ ... But
God was already _____ her life again.

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

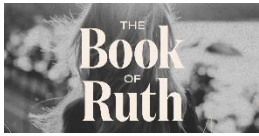
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- When we don't see evidence of the Lord working, we must CHOOSE to remember: The Lord is always at work even when we don't see the evidence! John 5:17; John 16:8-9
- Just as Ruth didn't stop praying, we must persevere. Luke 18:1
- Just as Ruth rejoiced at her son's return, there is joy in heaven when one sinner repents. Ruth's joy helps me visualize the rejoicing in heaven when someone turns to the Lord. Wow...Luke 15:7-10
- Just as Ruth battled despondency, grief, and doubts by taking her thoughts captive, we must do the same! 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Scripture tells us no one draws near to the Lord unless He draws them. We are called to PRAY for this to happen in the lives of many! John 6:44
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