

# SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

Text : Ruth 2

Title : Commitment, Generosity & Hospitality In The Book Of Ruth

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## Introduction

The days of the 'judges'

The Book of Ruth: 'good people in a bad time'

### 1. What Happens in the Book of Ruth?

- Local, not national events
- Naomi: her losses, her accusation against God
- Ruth: her commitment to Naomi (Ruth 1:17)
- Boaz: godly; observes the law (Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 24:19-20) – and more
- Boaz's generosity mirrors God's generosity (Ruth 2:11-12)
- Naomi is provided for (Ruth 4:14-15), no longer accuses God
- More or less ordinary people, more or less ordinary events

### 2. God's Providence in Ruth

- Ruth 'happened' to glean in Boaz's field (Ruth 2:3)
- The narrator's references to God (Ruth 1:6; 4:13): what is God doing?
- Answer (I): God enables Naomi, Ruth and Boaz to experience blessing
- Answer (II): God prepares for events generations later (Ruth 4:18-22)

### 3. Ordinary People Used by God

- Naomi, Ruth and Boaz express their faith by their everyday actions
- 'Stories from Ordinary Lives'
- Examples of practical outreach
- Use your professional skills to reach out

## Conclusion

Who knows what God may not bring about?