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How my Ordinary Giving Does Extraordinary Things

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Just because you think you live a plain, ordinary life doesn't mean that God is not at work.

Giving is God's way of working through me.

When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don't go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all you do. Deut. 24:19-21

And remember, the land really belongs to Me. You are only foreigners and tenants living with Me. Leviticus 25:23

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." So she went out, entered a field and began to gather behind the harvesters. Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. As it turned out, she (Ruth) was working in a field belonging to Boaz. Ruth 2

God uses ordinary coincidences for His purposes.

Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. "Stay right behind the women working in my field. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well." Ruth 2:8-9

Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "Why are you being so kind to me?" she asked. Boaz replied. "I know about the love and kindness you have shown your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. "I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers." Ruth 2:10-11

"If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over.



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"Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small—it will be used to measure what is given back to you." –Jesus (Luke 6:38)

- **See people.**
- **Take the risk of relationship**
- **See stuff differently and give what you have.**

It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything. Proverbs 11:24

- **Give God room to work.**

Those who cling to vain idols leave behind the gracious love that could have been theirs. Jonah 2:8

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read Ruth 2. What things do you see here? How would you feel if you were Ruth? Why do you think Boaz was so kind to her?

Read Deuteronomy 24:19-21 and Leviticus 25:23. How does this passage impact your giving? In what ways can we 'leave' bundles of wheat for others?

What do you think of 'coincidences?' How does God work through them?

What does it mean to "give God room to work" and what are some practical ways you can 'give God room' in your everyday life?

Take time to pray together and possibly see how your lifegroup can bless others this season!

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