

# Ruth 2:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Ruth the Moabite said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

## Analysis

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Ruth adds detail: **'He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest'**. Ruth reports Boaz's invitation to remain in his fields throughout the harvest season, ensuring sustained provision for weeks. This detail shows Boaz's commitment to Ruth's welfare extended beyond one day to comprehensive care through the entire harvest period. The provision demonstrates the security believers find in Christ—not momentary help but sustained, reliable care throughout life's seasons.

## Historical Context

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Barley and wheat harvests together lasted approximately seven weeks from Passover to Pentecost. Boaz's invitation to remain throughout this period provided economic security for Ruth and Naomi during this crucial time, allowing them to gather stores for the year. This sustained provision demonstrated covenant commitment, not mere charitable impulse. Ancient agricultural economies required intense labor during harvest but left workers unemployed afterward—Boaz's provision through harvest addressed their most immediate need.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does Boaz's sustained provision illustrate God's faithful care through different life seasons?
2. What does this teach about Christian commitment to others' welfare beyond momentary gestures?

## Interlinear Text

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עַם	אֵל י	אָמַר	כִּי	גַּם	הַמֹּאבִּיתִי	ר וְ	אָמַר
H5973	H413	H559	H3588	H1571	H4125	H7327	H559
		He said			the Moabitess	And Ruth	He said
אִם	עַד	תִּדְבֹק יְ	לִי	אֲשֶׁר	הַנְּעָרִים		
H518	H5704	H1692	H0	H834	H5288		
		unto me also			by my young men		
לִי:	אֲשֶׁר	הַקָּצִיר	כָּל	אֶת	כָּל וְ		
H0	H834	H7105	H3605	H853	H3615		
		all my harvest			until they have ended		

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