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2. Ruth is called a tale of grace, though God is rarely mentioned, He is everywhere throughout this book. Read Ruth 1-4 and summarize the plot in one paragraph, leaving God out completely. How would Hollywood make this into a movie? Now write a second paragraph noting the things that point to a gracious God stepping into the lives of people. Which version do you like most, and why?
3. One minor phrase is a hinge to the way you see God at work or absent in this piece of history. Ruth 2:3 shows Ruth gleaning in the field of the man who would favor, redeem, marry and father their child together. How would you interpret this phrase, "As it happens," "By chance," or, "As it turned out"?
4. People of different world views would read these same words and have to conclude Ruth's gleaning event with alternate interpretations. How would each group below explain what happens, "As it happens"? How have you or people you know been influenced by these worldviews?
Deism – no involvement Fate – no goodness
Chance – no control Providence – God working for good
5. The Christian explains Ruth's fortune as "providence," the unceasing work of God in overflowing goodness. What from Ruth secures the conclusion of God's sovereign activity for his honor and our good?
6. Where has providence been evident in your life, how did you respond to it and what current effects do are you enjoying?

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