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Have you ever read the book of Ruth with the thought of applying its precepts to minister among immigrants or refugees? While we legitimately debate the "if, why, how, and how many" of receiving Syrian refugees, Ruth shines through the corridors of history as a beacon of compassion in action.

## From Ruth's perspective:

- She immigrated knowing that her life would be changed, and she accepted the culture and God of her mother-in-law. "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" 1:16
- She worked hard, earning the favor of Boaz per local laws. "Go not to glean in another field" 2:8
- She eagerly learned from Naomi, the national, the appropriate way in Bethlehem to seek protection and provision from Boaz. "All that thou sayest unto me I will do." 3:5

## From Boaz's perspective:

- He stewarded his property and work with careful eyes. 2:5
- He protected the foreigner from overwork and rape. 2:9
- He surpassed the law's requirement to reward Ruth with extra generosity. 2:14-17
- He turned Ruth's attention to the one true God. "...a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." 2:12

What beautiful reminders as we think of our own heritage of being and receiving strangers. America is still the favorite place of refuge and opportunity in the world. May the Lord give us grace and understanding to biblically embrace the world's outcasts while equally preserving the liberties our forefathers died to provide. Taking in Refugees: What the Bible Really Says Happy Thanksgiving!

## Praise and Prayer:

- A CHE Women's Cycle of Life training over two consecutive weekends begins in Abidjan this weekend. Men training women about women's health issues is the beginning of preparing women trainers.
- We have a potential vehicle source. Pray about this, since we will not propose a date to return to the field, until we know whether this option will work out.

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