



Ruth's Open Door - Part 4: Provision Through Alignment

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Intro

God isn't just looking for movement, He's looking for alignment. Ruth didn't just act; she stepped into sync with God's plan, timing, and purpose. This teaching explores the power of walking in agreement with heaven: how small acts of obedience unlock divine favor, and how alignment positions us for provision we could never manufacture ourselves.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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Introduction (with Alignment Perspective)

Have you ever felt like you were waiting on God to move in your life, only to realize that He might actually be waiting on you? Sometimes, it's not about waiting for God's timing, but about coming into alignment with His will and His plans.

Ruth's story illustrates this beautifully. God had a plan for her redemption, provision, and purpose long before she took her first step. But it wasn't until Ruth aligned herself; by leaving Moab, humbly serving in the fields, and stepping out in bold faith; that God's timing unfolded.

God's provision often meets us at the intersection of His divine plan and our willingness to step into alignment with Him. Let's explore how Ruth's story teaches us to walk in alignment with God and trust His provision in unexpected places.

Key Sections Expanded with Alignment Perspective

1. Provision Through Relationships

- **God's Plan, Our Alignment:**

Ruth's relationship with Naomi was more than a family connection; it was part of God's redemptive plan. But Ruth had to make the hard choice to align herself with Naomi's God and leave her familiar life in Moab. Without this alignment, the door to her destiny would have remained closed.

- *"Where you go, I will go... Your God will be my God."* (Ruth 1:16, AMP)

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- **Reflection Question:** Is there a relationship in your life that God may be using to guide you into alignment with His plans?
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2. Provision Through Obedience in the Ordinary

- **Alignment in Action:**

Ruth didn't just sit and wait for provision to fall into her lap. She stepped out in faith, humbly gleaning in the fields. This act of obedience brought her into alignment with God's plan, positioning her to meet Boaz. It wasn't just the action that mattered; it was the heart behind it, a heart that trusted God to provide.

 - *"So she went out and began to glean in the fields... As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz."*
(Ruth 2:3, NIV)
 - **Modern Parallel:**

God's provision often flows when we take steps of obedience, even in the small, mundane things. Sometimes He's waiting for us to take action before He reveals the next step.
 - **Reflection Question:** Are there areas of your life where God is waiting for you to act in faith so He can move?
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3. Provision Through Divine Timing and Alignment

- **God's Timing Meets Our Alignment:**

Ruth arriving in Boaz's field wasn't coincidence; it was divine timing. But God's timing unfolded because Ruth had aligned herself with His plan through her choices and actions. Similarly, we

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often find that when we surrender our plans and trust His, we step into His perfect timing.

- *“The steps of a [righteous] man are directed and established by the Lord...”* (Psalm 37:23, AMP)
 - **Reflection Question:** Are you willing to surrender your own timing and trust that God's timing is tied to your alignment with Him?
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Key Lessons with Alignment Lens

1. Alignment Often Precedes Provision

- God's provision isn't about us passively waiting; it's about stepping into alignment with His will. Ruth didn't wait in Moab; she stepped out, aligned herself with Naomi and God's people, and trusted God to lead her.
 - **Reflection Question:** Are you actively aligning your choices, actions, and faith with God's purposes?
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2. God's Timing Isn't Delayed; We're Being Prepared

- Sometimes we feel like God is delaying, but in reality, He's preparing us to handle what He's already set in motion. Alignment with Him ensures we're ready when the door opens.
- *“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* (Galatians 6:9, NIV)
- **Reflection Question:** How can you prepare your heart and life for what God is ready to release?

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3. Trusting God's Plan Means Trusting His Process

- Ruth's path to redemption wasn't easy or instant; it involved leaving her home, humbling herself, and risking rejection. But as she aligned herself with God's plan, His provision unfolded.
 - **Reflection Question:** Are you trusting God's process, even when it doesn't make sense?
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Practical Applications

1. **Step into alignment with faith:** Reflect on areas where you've been waiting on God; could He be waiting for you to act?
 2. **Look for alignment opportunities in relationships:** Like Naomi and Ruth, God often uses others to guide us into His will.
 3. **Stay faithful in the ordinary:** Even when life feels mundane, remember that faithfulness positions you for God's greater purpose.
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Closing Thought

God's provision is always available, but it often waits for us to align our hearts, actions, and faith with His plans. Like Ruth, when we step out in faith, obedience, and trust, we position ourselves to walk through the open doors He's prepared for us.

Are you waiting on God, or is He waiting on you to step into alignment? Seek Him, trust Him, and take the next step; His provision is waiting.

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Was It Blind Alignment or Intentional Partnership?

Ruth didn't step into alignment with God's plan out of blind obligation or coincidence. Her choices reveal a heart that was open to God, even if she didn't fully understand what lay ahead. She didn't just *follow Naomi*; she also chose to follow Naomi's God, declaring:

"Your God will be my God." (Ruth 1:16, AMP)

This wasn't blind alignment. It was Ruth intentionally inviting God into her life by stepping away from her old identity in Moab and aligning herself with His people, His ways, and His purposes.

Inviting God into Our Choices

The same principle applies to us today. Alignment with God doesn't mean blindly doing what we think is right or what others expect; it's about intentionally inviting Him into our decisions and trusting His guidance.

How to Invite God into Your Choices:

1. Seek Him First:

- Prayerfully ask for His wisdom and clarity before making decisions.
- *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."* (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

2. Trust His Word:

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- Ruth's declaration shows her trust in the God of Israel, even though she was new to the faith. For us, the Bible becomes our guide for aligning our decisions with God's will.

3. Step Out in Faith:

- Inviting God into our choices doesn't mean waiting for a full roadmap. Like Ruth stepping into the fields, faith often requires action before we see the results.

4. Discern Through Peace:

- God often confirms alignment through His peace. When our hearts are submitted to Him, His peace acts as a guide.
- *"And let the peace of Christ [the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him] be the controlling factor in your hearts..."*
(Colossians 3:15, AMP)

Reflection Question

When you're faced with choices, do you invite God to lead, or do you act first and ask for His help later? How can you create space to hear His voice before stepping forward?

Conclusion

Ruth's journey shows us that alignment with God isn't about passivity or blind following; it's about making intentional choices rooted in trust, faith, and a willingness to let God lead. Today, as you consider your own

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steps of alignment, remember that inviting God into every decision creates a partnership that leads to His best for your life.

Would you like me to integrate this into the larger teaching outline, or does it feel complete as a standalone addition?