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Text
Ruth 2:5-10

Title:
Relationships That Bring Out the Best in Both Parties

1. Relationships where there is mutual **Appreciation** for each other can bring out the best in both parties.

Ruth 2:17, 18; 3:1

“So Ruth gathered barley there all day, and when she beat out the grain that evening, it filled an entire basket. 18) She carried it back into town and showed it to her mother-in-law. Ruth also gave her the roasted grain that was left over from her meal. 3:1) One day Naomi said to Ruth, “My daughter, it’s time that I found a permanent home for you, so that you will be provided for.” (NLT)

2. Relationships where there is mutual **Consideration** for each other can bring out the best in both parties.

Ruth 3:8-11

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