

# POSITION AND POSTURE OF THE CHURCH



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The church in typology is represented in scripture through different narratives and parables. These define for the current church its relationship with God, society and the global world.

Song of Solomon is a poetic love story of the intense and intimate relationship that the church has with the Beloved, Jesus Christ. The sole purpose of the Shulamite is to describe Him and not focus on what He does for her.

The narrative of the Book of Esther is the relationship within a Monarchy - a depiction of a spiritual kingdom and how Queen Esther uses her relationship with the King to defuse political turmoil which would have led to genocide in the land. Such influence preserves the seed of the Messiah within the nation of the Jews.

The Book of Ruth is a narrative of a widow that positions and postures herself under the guidance of her Mother-in-law to become the wife of Boaz who is the redeemer. Such a posture causes her to come to dominion and be part of the genealogical lineage of Jesus Christ the Son of God. We will examine this historical account to make it our experience in Christ of how we as the church must posture and position ourselves to prepare the way for Christ to return.

**Position** is the the where we are placed or located and **Posture** is a particular approach or attitude which reveals the authority of the position we hold.

## POSITION

David - King  
Solomon - King  
Joseph - Governor  
Moses - Commander  
Father  
Prodigal Son  
Apostle  
Boaz - rich man  
Honor  
Blessed  
Life  
Light  
Grace  
Lion

## POSTURE

Clean heart and clean hands  
Seek God for wisdom  
Forgiveness  
Humble servant  
Son  
Servant  
Bondservant  
Redeemer  
Humility  
Giver  
Death  
Love  
Truth  
Lamb

*Ephesians 1:20 (NKJV)*

*which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the **heavenly places**,*

*Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV)*

*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,*

*Ephesians 6:12 NKJV*

*12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the **heavenly places**.*

We are positioned in Him in Heavenly places. While we are on the earth we must posture ourselves to function with the authority of the position we are seated in to overcome the principalities, powers, rulers and wickedness.

*Revelation 5:5-7 NKJV*

*5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."  
6 And I looked, and behold, in the **midst of the throne** and of the **four living creatures**, and in the **midst of the elders**, stood a **Lamb** as though it had been **slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne*

Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah - POSITION

Jesus is the Lamb that was slain - POSTURE

Throne is a position of governance, rulership and authority but in the midst of the throne is the posture of a lamb. That which is defenceless, submissive, harmless and lives for the life of another. It portrays the Spirit of Christ. The lamb that has abandoned its own will. It reflects purity and innocence, ignorance and total trust.

*Revelation 14:1 NKJV*

*1 Then I looked, and behold, a **Lamb standing on Mount Zion**, and with Him one hundred and forty- four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads*

*Psalms 2:6 NKJV*

*6 "Yet I have set My King  
On My holy hill of Zion*

*Psalms 50:2 NKJV*

*2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God will shine forth*

*Hebrews 12:22 NKJV*

*22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels*

While our position is Mount Zion which is a place of rulership and dominion our posture is that of a lamb. Our position of authority, governance and rulership from Zion is determined by our posture as a lamb to be totally submissive to the voice of Our Father. Jesus postured Himself as a Lamb to live for the will of His Father. They have the Father's Name written on their foreheads a picture of a mentality that is in the Heavenly Places where the Father's Throne is.

*Isaiah 66:1 NKJV*

*1 Thus says the Lord:*

*"Heaven is My throne,*

*And earth is My footstool.*

*Where is the house that you will build Me?*

*And where is the place of My rest*

To rule from the throne we must posture our hearts to live for the will of the Father. The posture of a Jesus the Lamb of God

*Revelation 17:14 NKJV*

*14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful*

Jesus Christ is Lord of lords and King of kings. We are the lords and the kings on the earth Christ. But we make war as a lamb. We are positionally lords and kings but we posture ourselves in battle as lambs.

The Lamb always overcomes.

When we posture ourselves in the character of the lamb we position ourselves to hear the voice of the Father. Our innocence and ignorance of all other voices positions us to hear only the Masters voice.

*Revelation 5:12 NKJV*

*12 saying with a loud voice:*

*"**Worthy** is the Lamb who was slain*

### **GREEK: Worthy - Axios**

g0514. ἄξιος axios; probably from 71; deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise):— due reward, meet, (un-) worthy.

AV (41)- worthy 35, meet 4, due reward 1, unworthy +g3756 1; weighing, having weight, having the weight of another thing of like value, worth as much befitting, congruous, corresponding to a thing of one who has merited anything worthy both in a good and a bad sense (STRONG)

The Lamb is worthy because it has the weight of another of like value. A son who postures himself will have the weight of another who is his father. This is called a like-minded son. Weight makes you worthy. The prodigal who wasted his inheritance realised he was not worthy.

*Luke 15:18-19 KJVStrong's*

*18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

He had to rise and go the one who had weight and repent and confess so that he could be restored to have the weight of another. It was only when he postured himself as a Lamb that he could be restored to the Kingdom of God. His bondages and chain were broken when he changed his posture. As son he used his position to acquire his inheritance but did not maintain the right posture therefore he lost all his wealth.

*Revelation 5:12 NKJV*

*To receive*

The posture of Lamb makes one worthy to receive.

### **GREEK: Receive - Lambano**

g2983. λαμβάνω lambanō; a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; to take ( in very many applications, literally and figuratively (properly objective or active, to get hold of; whereas 1209 is rather subjective or passive, to have offered to one; while 138 is more violent, to seize or remove)): — accept, + be amazed, assay, attain, bring, x when I call, catch, come on ( x unto), + forget, have, hold, obtain, receive ( x after), take ( away, up).

AV ( 263)- receive 133, take 106, have 3, catch 3, not tr 1, misc 17; to take to take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it to take up a thing to be carried to take upon one's self to take in order to carry away without the notion of violence, i.e to remove, take away to take what is one's own, to take to one's self, to make one's own to claim, procure, for one's self to associate with one's self as companion, attendant of that which when taken is not let go, to seize, to lay hold of, apprehend to take by craft (our catch, used of hunters, fisherman, etc.), to circumvent one by fraud to take to one's self, lay hold upon, take possession of, i. e. to appropriate to one's self catch at, reach after, strive to obtain to take a thing due, to collect, gather (tribute) to take to admit, receive to receive what is offered not to refuse or reject to receive a person, give him access to one's self, to regard any one's power, rank, external circumstances, and on that account to do some injustice or neglect something to take, to choose, select to take beginning, to prove anything, to make a trial of, to experience to receive (what is given), to gain, get, obtain, to get back (STRONG)

We receive, get back, take hold, lay hold of of any person or thing when we posture ourselves in the nature of a lamb.

- You can lay hold of the promised land when you posture yourself before Joshua and allow yourself to be circumcised with a flint knife.
- You lay hold and receive sight when you posture yourself like Paul before an unknown man called Ananias
- You lay hold of a great catch when you posture yourself to say “at you word” like Peter
- You are healed when you posture yourself like Namaan before Elisha and dip in the Jordan seven times

The posture of a lamb which is total abandonment to the the Father makes you worthy to receive.

What will the posture of a lamb receive?

*Revelation 5:12 NKJV*

*To receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom**,  
And **strength** and **honor** and **glory** and **blessing***

### **Power**

*Acts 1:8 NKJV*

*8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*

To receive this power of the Holy Spirit you had to be in Jerusalem. You had to position yourself and posture yourself

### **Riches**

Wealth, money, abundance, plentitude

*2 Corinthians 8:1-3 NKJV*

*1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing*

This is the grace to give beyond your ability to help fulfil the mandate of another.

### **Wisdom**

*James 1:5 KJVStrong's*

*5-- If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

### **Strength**

To receive ability or divine enablement where you are unable. His strength is made perfect in you to enable you. When we position ourselves as lambs without strength because we abandon ourselves to His strength in us then His strength enables us.

*Psalms 22:15 NKJV*

*15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd*

*Psalms 22:19 NKJV*

*19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;  
O My Strength, hasten to help Me*

### **Honor**

*Proverbs 15:33 NKJV*

*33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom,  
And before honor is humility*

### **Glory**

To receive dignity and worship.

*Mark 10:36-37 NKJV*

*36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"*

*37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory*

The sons of Zebedee wanted to sit on the right and on the left to receive dignity or glory. You have to partake of the same cup to check if you have the same weight in order to have the same glory.

### **Blessing**

Benediction, eulogy

To receive a pronouncement of largeness.

We must look at the case study of Ruth as a picture of the church that highlights for us the principle of position and posture. As she postured herself her position in the lineage of the Messiah was established

### **Ruth 1:1-2 NKJV**

**1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there**

The land is being ruled by Judges after the demise of Joshua who led Israel into the promised land. The appointment of Judges was adopted because there was no successor to Joshua.

### **Judge**

*(Heb. shophet, pl. shophetim), properly a magistrate or ruler, rather than one who judges in the sense of trying a cause. This is the name given to those rulers who presided over the affairs of the Israelites during the interval between the death of Joshua and the accession of Saul (Judg. 2:18), a period of general anarchy and confusion (Easton)*

When such leadership is installed which is contrary to the governing order of God a famine is over the land. This is a period of sustained lack and dryness. This is a lack of food and drink causes migrations into inaccurate locations that will have disastrous consequences.

Elimelech who is the father moves his family because of famine brought on by inaccurate governance to the land of Moab from the land of Bethlehem-Judah. They find themselves positioned as alien residents in a foreign land now taking on refugee status because of a famine. Famine is the product of governance that is not aligned with God. Godly governance under Moses and Joshua saw protection, providence and positioning. These men were appointed by God were judges were appointed by men.

The only record of judges that were called by God was Gideon and Samson. The rest were appointed during the period when judges ruled. It is also during this period that Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Their punishment was oppression by the foreign enemies. Deliverance is what judges brought but not positioning and posture.

Bethlehem means the “House of Bread or food”

Moab means “What Father”

There is the migration by Elimelech from the “House of Bread” to the place of “What Father”. Bethlehem is experiencing famine because of inaccurate governance. It is a father in the house that provides the bread. Bethel which means the House of God is a symbol of current day church. The key word in understanding church is the word “House”

House is configured within Hebrew culture as a family of a Father and his sons. The bible records Noah and his household or Jacob and his household or David and his household. It is essential to understand that the House of God was always meant to be a family or a household. The New Testament refers to the church as a household of faith.

*Galatians 6:10 NKJV*

*10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

When we shift into an environment or position ourselves in alien territory of a location called Moab where the meaning of the place takes on the identity of the family then potential to build generationally is lost.

The result is the death of every father in the household. Ruth finds herself positioned in Moab with no husband and no children. She has to access her position by posturing herself accurately.

*Ruth 1:3-5 NKJV*

***3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab:the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband***

Such positioning produces widows houses. This is a house where there is no protection, provision or positioning. The family of Elimelech find themselves in such a position because of inaccurate migration.

When the church shifts away from becoming the House of Bread into a place of fatherlessness then famine produces a generation of orphans. We must know what bread is?

Bread is the proceeding Word of God. Jesus is the word and He is the bread of life.

*Matthew 4:3-4 NKJV*

*3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”*

*4 But He answered and said, “ It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. ’”*

The word must be proceeding or that which is coming out of God’s mouth right now to be present truth

*2 Peter 1:12 NKJV*

*12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

It is the duty of the father of the household to fetch fresh manna morning and evening so that his family could have daily bread.

When the church shifts from such a place of nourishment there will be a famine of the word and the spirit.

*Amos 8:11 NKJV*

*11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.*

Such words dispense grace that imparts life to the hearer.

*Luke 4:22 ASV*

*22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth:and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?*

*Acts 20:32 NKJV*

*32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

Grace is the trading commodity of the Kingdom of God. It is the prerogative of the father of the house to deliver such grace through the word. Such words are spirit and life

*John 6:63 NKJV*

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*John 6:68-69 NKJV*

*68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Elimelech a father of a family unit leaves Bethlehem the House of Bread and goes to Moab the place of fatherlessness the result is death of every seed bearing source that can perpetuate the earth with life. It is in such environment that Ruth a Moabite, an alien marries the son of Elimelech but becomes a widow.

God always visits the House of Bread with harvest and Naomi and Ruth have to journey back.

*Ruth 1:6 NKJV*

*6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread*

Naomi hears that bread is in Bethlehem and wants to return. She plays a pivotal role in relocating what is left of her family in the place of bread. We must know how to

reposition ourselves in the place of bread. She has two daughter in laws with her. This is the case of the dual nature that is depicted through out scripture.

Cain and Abel  
Jacob and Esau  
Hagar and Sarah  
Egypt and the Promised land

There is the bondwoman which is Hagar and the free woman which is Sarah  
*22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons:the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants:the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all*  
(Galatians 4:22-26 NKJV)

We are born according to the free woman through the promise of the Holy Spirit  
*Acts 1:4-5 NKJV*  
*4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “ which,” He said, “ you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now*

*John 3:5-8 NKJV*  
*5 Jesus answered, “ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again. ’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit*

There is an Orpah and there is a Ruth. There is a church that is born of the flesh and a church that is born of the spirit. One who is after the flesh and one is after the spirit.

***Ruth 1:14 NKJV***  
***14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her***

Orpah kissed and disconnected from the Naomi who was going back to Bethlehem the House of Bread. Many want relationships on the basis of a kiss. This is the satisfaction of the emotional or felt need. They are not willing to relocate to the place of bread.

Ruth clung to Naomi

### **HEBREW: Clung - Dabaq**

h1692. קָבַדָּ dābaq; a primitive root; properly, to impinge, i. e. cling or adhere; figuratively, to catch by pursuit:— abide fast, cleave (fast together), follow close (hard after), be joined (together), keep (fast), overtake, pursue hard, stick, take.  
AV (54)- cleave 32, follow hard 5, overtake 3, stick 3, keep fast 2,... together 2, abide 1, close 1, joined 1, pursued 1, take 1; to cling, stick, stay close, cleave, keep close, stick

to, stick with, follow closely, join to, overtake, catch ( Qal) to cling, cleave to to stay with ( Pual) to be joined together (Hiphil) to cause to cleave to to pursue closely to overtake (Hophal) to be made to cleave (STRONG)

Ruth wants to pursue, join and cleave to the one that is going to the house of bread. To re-position yourself you must posture yourself in a joining relationship. There is a joint that supplies and we must find that joint in the Body so that a supply will come to us.

Such a cleaving is evident in her words

**Ruth 1:16-17 NKJV**

**16 But Ruth said:**

***“Entreat me not to leave you,  
Or to turn back from following after you;  
For wherever you go, I will go;  
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;  
Your people shall be my people,  
And your God, my God.***

**17 Where you die, I will die,**

***And there will I be buried.***

***The Lord do so to me, and more also,***

***If anything but death parts you and me***

Ruth gives strong evidence of a covenantal relationship that postures her to be re-positioned from being fatherless to being fed in the House of Bread. She was willing to follow by leaving all.

**Luke 18:28-30 NKJV**

**28 Then Peter said, “See, we have left all and followed You.”**

**29 So He said to them, “ Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life**

They return at a significant time in the year

**Ruth 1:22 NKJV**

**22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter- in- law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest**

The beginning of the Barley Harvest signified the time of the Feast of Passover. It was celebrated in the month of April.

Three feasts corresponded with the three seasons of harvest: Barley, Wheat and Fruit

**22 “And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.**

**23 “Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the Lord God of Israel**

**(Exodus 34:22-23 NKJV)**

Ruth enters a place of harvest but has to position and posture herself as a widow and a poor woman to receive the benefits of the harvest.

Ruth as a Gentile comes under the guidance her Jewish mother-in-law in a foreign land. Her adherence to her instructions and guidance positions her in a field. Her guidance would allow Ruth to begin in the law. There is the ceremonial, civil and moral laws and the ten commandments. Part of the moral law was to allow the poor to pick grain during a harvest.

*Leviticus 19:9-10 NKJV*

*9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God*

***Ruth 2:1-2 NKJV***

***1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz. 2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor."***

***And she said to her, "Go, my daughter***

Ruth positions herself in a field to glean grain as a poor woman. The success of such an effort is in the sending of the one she is connected to. Naomi is now playing the role of Fathering Ruth into the culture and laws of Israel. She is not called daughter-in-law but daughter. This is a significant shift in the identity within her relationship.

The word "Go" simply means to be "sent". Jesus was sent by the Father

*John 5:36-38 NKJV*

*36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe*

The harvest that Jesus reaped was defined by the sending of the Heavenly Father.

Jesus sent His disciples

*John 20:21-23 NKJV*

*21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained*

When we posture ourselves in submission to be sent then our famine can turn into a harvest. Harvest simply means the fruit of what is sown. The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit. Fruit is seen when we are sent.

While in the field she positions herself in a part of the field that belongs to Boaz

***Ruth 2:3 (NKJV)***

***Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.***

Ruth finds Boaz's as she follows the reapers. Boaz is a Redeemer who is a picture of Christ.

The reapers as messengers that will lead you into Boaz's field as you follow them. Messengers are sent by God to deliver His word.

**Matthew 13:39 (NKJV)**

*The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.*

Angels ascend and descend on God's ladder to bring bread from heaven. Christ is the bread from heaven. Every reaper must lead you into Christ. As Ruth follows the reapers she is led into such a field.

**Ruth 2:5 (NKJV)**

***Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"***

As Ruth positioned herself she was noticed by Boaz. We are position in Christ but our posture on the earth determines if we get noticed. Most times we are calling on God to notice us yet when we posture ourselves He notices us.

David was noticed because of his heart  
Caleb was noticed because he had a different spirit  
Elisha was noticed because of pursuit

**Ruth 2:7 (NKJV)**

***And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. ' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house.'***

Ruth had a high work ethic that causes her to be noticed. She was willing to glean and gather after the reapers. The reapers are gathering wheat and she picks and gathers behind them. The grain is God's word that must be picked and gathered with studying and understanding.

The house is a place of rest. House is a depiction of a spiritual family which is the resting place of God. In such a place we are refreshed to work in the field.

**Ruth 2:8-9 (NKJV)**

***Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."***

Success in the field is determined by "staying close" which is **fellowship**, having your "eyes on the field" which is **focus** and "go after" which is **pursuit**. Such an attitude will bring **protection** from being touched and **refreshment** from thirst.

**Ruth 2:10 (NKJV)**

***So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"***

Ruth postured herself at the receipt of favor. Favor comes to those who fellowship, focus and pursue. Such favor must cause us to humble ourselves. David lost favor after he became proud and stood on his balcony. Many kings became proud at their success and ruined their kingship.

We should posture ourselves in humbleness and brokenness because we were also foreigners at one time. In Christ we are made citizens of the Kingdom.

*Ephesians 2:19 (NKJV)*

*19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

His divine favor has brought us into the Kingdom of God.

***Ruth 2:11-12 (NKJV)***

***And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."***

Naomi is a mentor and spiritual father to Ruth. Ruth's positioned herself under the grace of Naomi through commitment and covenant. While being positioned under the grace of a father we must posture our hearts to receive instructions that would bring us into inheritance.