

A woman wearing a blue headscarf is shown in profile, looking upwards with a hopeful expression. She is standing in a field of golden wheat. The background is a warm, golden sunset with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft, hazy glow. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

RUTH

Experiencing the Fullness of God's Grace

How to read Old Testament stories ...

- A. They are stories.
- B. They are true stories, written from God's perspective.
- C. The "Hero" of these stories is God.
- D. They are stories intended to point us to the coming Messiah.

Key themes in the story of Ruth ...

- (1) God's Providential Care Even in the Darkest of Times**
- (2) God's Lovingkindness and Redeeming Grace**
- (3) God's Providential Preparation for the Coming of His Son**

***Brutal Times,
Bad Decisions, &
Bitter Outcomes***

Ruth 1:1-5

- 1. Difficult times are part of life.**
- 2. Our natural inclination is to respond to trials with pragmatic, earthly choices.**
- 3. Poor decisions often lead to bitter outcomes.**
- 4. Wise, Godward choices bring spiritual blessing.**