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“Becoming an Inspiration: What You Do With What You Know”

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### Next Steps

1. Listen for and respond to invitations from Jesus.
2. These invitations will most often relate to the people and things you know most.
3. To know is to care is to love – pour into this knowledge flow.
4. Confess and disrupt your inner stoic and cynic – wherever you lack care or courage.
5. Take one risk each day to live with greater purpose and passion.

### Ruth 2:5-16 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz asked his foreman, “Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?”

<sup>6</sup> And the foreman replied, “She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. <sup>7</sup> She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes’ rest in the shelter.”

<sup>8</sup> Boaz went over and said to Ruth, “Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don’t go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. <sup>9</sup> See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well.”

<sup>10</sup> Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. “What have I done to deserve such kindness?” she asked. “I am only a foreigner.”

<sup>11</sup> “Yes, I know,” Boaz replied. “But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. <sup>12</sup> May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”

<sup>13</sup> “I hope I continue to please you, sir,” she replied. “You have comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, even though I am not one of your workers.”

<sup>14</sup> At mealtime Boaz called to her, “Come over here, and help yourself to some food. You can dip your bread in the sour wine.” So she sat with his harvesters, and Boaz gave her some roasted grain to eat. She ate all she wanted and still had some left over.

<sup>15</sup> When Ruth went back to work again, Boaz ordered his young men, “Let her gather grain right among the sheaves without stopping her. <sup>16</sup> And pull out some heads of barley from the bundles and drop them on purpose for her. Let her pick them up, and don’t give her a hard time!”

### Matthew 21:28-32 (NLT)

<sup>28</sup> “But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> The son answered, ‘No, I won’t go,’ but later he changed his mind and went anyway. <sup>30</sup> Then the father told the other son, ‘You go,’ and he said, ‘Yes, sir, I will.’ But he didn’t go.

**31** “Which of the two obeyed his father?”

They replied, “The first.”

Then Jesus explained his meaning: “I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. **32** For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn’t believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins.