

## *How to be a Person of Valor*

### Ruth 2\*

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#### **Miniver Cheevy** – Edwin Arlington Robinson

Miniver Cheevy, child of scorn,  
Grew lean while he assailed the seasons;  
He wept that he was ever born,  
And he had reasons.

Miniver loved the days of old  
When swords were bright and steeds were prancing;  
The vision of a warrior bold  
Would set him dancing.

Miniver sighed for what was not,  
And dreamed, and rested from his labors;  
He dreamed of Thebes and Camelot,  
And Priam's neighbors.

Miniver loved the Medici,  
Albeit he had never seen one;  
He would have sinned incessantly  
Could he have been one.

Miniver cursed the commonplace  
And eyed a khaki suit with loathing;  
He missed the mediaeval grace  
Of iron clothing.

Miniver Cheevy, born too late,  
Scratched his head and kept on thinking;  
Miniver coughed, and called it fate,  
And kept on drinking.

#### **The meaning of *hayil***

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ruth 2.1:** Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man [*gibbor hayil*] of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

1. *Hayil* can mean “\_\_\_\_\_.”

<sup>ESV</sup> **Proverbs 13.22:** A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth [*hayil*] is laid up for the righteous.

2. *Hayil* can mean “\_\_\_\_\_.”

<sup>NLT</sup> **1 Chronicles 11.22:** There was also Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant warrior [*hayil*] from Kabzeel. He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. *Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it.*

3. *Hayil* can mean “\_\_\_\_\_.”

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 18.21:** Moreover, look for able men [*hayil*] from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people...

#### **How to be a Person of Valor**

1. Keep your promises even at the risk of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Keep your promises even when your persistence is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Venture forth with the expectation of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Be open-handed even in the least \_\_\_\_\_ times.
5. Carve out \_\_\_\_\_ for the new and vulnerable people in your “fields.”
6. Name and affirm the \_\_\_\_\_ exhibited by those around you.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ruth 2.13:** Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and *spoken kindly* to your servant [literally, *you have spoken to my heart*], though I am not one of your servants.”

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