



# The faith of Ruth

Scriptures: Ruth 1~4



There was a famine in Bethlehem in the days when the judges governed. Elimelech went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife, Naomi and his two sons. Elimelech died in the course of time and his two sons were married to the Moabite women named Ruth and Orpah. They lived in the land of Moab for about 10 years. When Naomi's two sons died also, she wanted to return to Bethlehem. She said to her daughters-in-law,

**"I am going back to Bethlehem but as for you, go, return to your mother's house."**

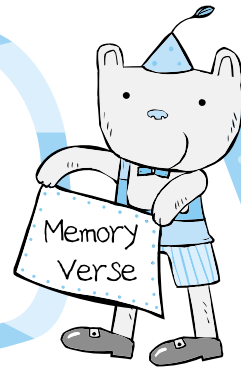
At first, both of her daughters-in-law wanted to follow Naomi, but in the end, Orpah left and Ruth remained. Naomi told Ruth,

**"Please return to your hometown like Orpah did."**

**"Where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God"**

Naomi returned to Bethlehem with Ruth.

Your people shall be my people, and your God,  
my God. (Ruth 1:16)



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After Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, Ruth started gleaning heads of grain in the field for food. Boaz, the relative of Elimelech, saw Ruth diligently gleaning in the field that belonged to him. Boaz asked his servant,

*"Whose young woman is this?"*

*"She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab"*

Boaz heard that Ruth had done well to her mother-in-law and that she worshiped God.

*"May the Lord reward your work under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."*

Boaz favored Ruth and ultimately, married her, a foreign woman.

David came from the line of Boaz and Ruth; Jesus, from the line of David.





## Today's Study

### Ruth's Faith in God

Ruth and Orpah came to know God through the family of Naomi.

1. What did the two daughters-in-law of Naomi say when they heard her following words?



Naomi: "I am going back to Bethlehem but as for you, go, return to your mother's house"



Ruth:



Orpah:

2. Why did Ruth go to Bethlehem? (      )

- a) To visit Bethlehem
- b) To take the properties of Naomi
- c) To worship God
- d) There was no other place to go

If we trust and follow God like Ruth did, we will be blessed.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. (John 12:26)

3. How was Ruth blessed after she chose God?

- a) She met Boaz
- b) Elimelech died
- c) Orpah went back to Moab
- d) Her name got included in the genealogy of Jesus



## Today's Lesson

### Imitate Ruth...

Although leaving her hometown wasn't an easy choice to make, Ruth made a decision to follow God.

Please read the following story and answer the questions below.



There is a Bible Seminar this coming Saturday. It is Christine's birthday and she invited me to come to her party. Which one should I go, birthday party or the Bible Seminar?

Which one would you go?

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What is the benefit of your choice?

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Which choice would God be pleased with?

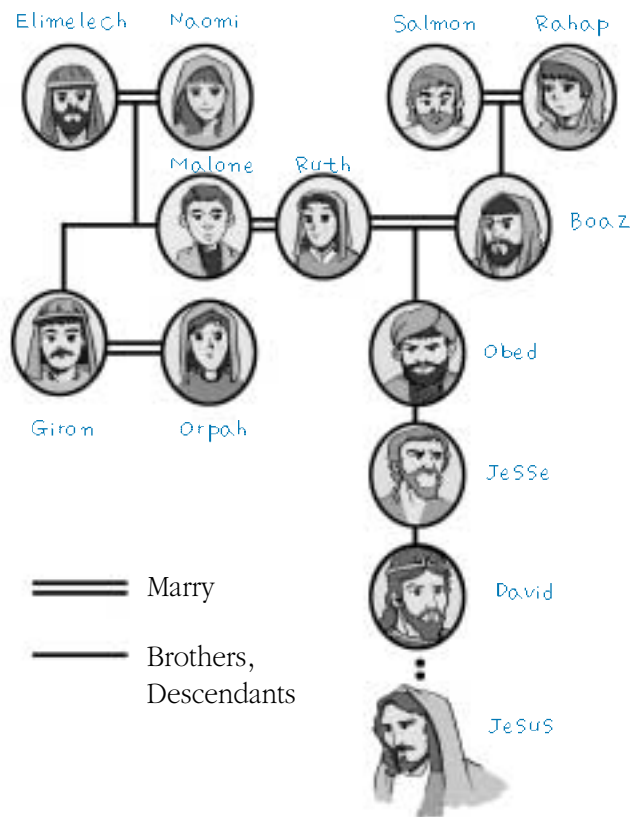
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When we live a life that would please God, difficulties may follow because we might not be able to have our own way. However, God will reward us with great blessings when we follow Him as Ruth did.



# Did you know?

Rahab, the wife of Salmon, was also a foreign woman like Ruth. However, she had a great honor of being registered in the genealogy of Jesus because she believed in God.



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