

Ruth 1:8-22 - Study Guide

“Leap of Faith”

Background Information

After spending over 10 years in the land of Moab, Naomi has heard that God has visited His people back in the land of Israel (Ruth 1:6). The famine is over. Bread has returned to the house of bread (Bethlehem) and praise has returned to the place of praise (Judah). But Naomi is not experiencing any of this. She is only “hearing” about it because she is still in Moab. However, even though she is heartbroken over the death of her husband and two sons, she will rise up to return to the land of promise. Will she find that the Lord is right where she left Him? Will her daughter’s in-law decide to follow her there? Redemption in her life starts right here when she decides to turn back to the Lord and go back to the land of promise.

Basic Outline of Today’s Study

1. A poor testimony (vs8-13)
2. The daughters decide (vs14)
3. A leap of faith (vs15-18)
4. Back to Judah (vs19-22)

Something Helpful:



Discussion Questions:

1. What counsel does Naomi give Orpah and Ruth about coming to Israel? Why does she do this? Do we communicate similar things to the people who are around us?
2. What does Orpah decide and why?
3. Discuss why it was such a huge step of faith for Ruth to leave Moab and follow Naomi to Judah? How are we called to take similar steps of faith in our lives?

Reference Verses:

In any season, be ready to share

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear

Romans 10:14-15 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Our testimonies can be a benefit to others

2 Corinthians 3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

God is for us!

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us?

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.