

July 14th, 2024

Friending Those At And Beyond Our Borders
Ruth 1:1-17

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV)

- God's people (_____) experienced the hardships of immigrating to a foreign land.
- God's people (_____) were forced to immigrate because of persecution.
- _____ today is a spiritual refugee.
John 17:16; Php 3:20; 1Pet 2:11

Ruth: The Story of a _____:

Ruth occurs in Israel's history during the period of _____:

Research shows that people immigrate because of the "_____ " effect.

The story of Ruth is about _____.

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- 1) Align ourselves with _____.
Lev 19:33-34; Num 15:15-16; Heb 13:1-2
- 2) Speak out as an _____ of Christ.
Pro 31:8-9; 2Cor 5:20
- 3) Remove the border around your _____.
Dt. 10:18-19; Matt 25:31-46
- 4) "Friend": _____.

Friending is about how offering ourselves in relationship may be one of the most profound actions we can take in our spiritual formation and in shaping others.

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What is one thing you're willing to do in order to friend those beyond and at the border?



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- God's people (Israel) experienced the hardships of immigrating to a foreign land.
- God's people (early Christians) were forced to immigrate because of persecution.
- Every Christian today is a spiritual refugee.
John 17:16; Php 3:20; 1Pet 2:11

Ruth: The Story of a Refugee:

Ruth occurs in Israel's history during the period of the Judges:

Research shows that people immigrate because of the "push and pull" effect.

The story of Ruth is about real people.

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- 1) Align ourselves with scripture.
Lev 19:33-34; Num 15:15-16; Heb 13:1-2
- 2) Speak out as an ambassador of Christ.
Pro 31:8-9; 2Cor 5:20
- 3) Remove the border around your heart.
Dt. 10:18-19; Matt 25:31-46
- 4) "Friend": Support. Sponsor. Serve.

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TALK IT OVER

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