

Ruth pt. 2

The Story of Redemption

Ruth 1:1-18 (ESV)

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,

⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

¹⁰ And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,

¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.”

¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Judg. 17:1-13: Lying, stealing, cheating, false religion, religious deception, selfishness, greed, and covetousness, even with the priesthood or ministry

Judg. 19:1-9: Immorality, drunkenness, partying

Judg. 19:10-12: Extreme prejudice and discrimination

Judg. 19:22-30: Homosexuality, sexual perversion, brutality, rape, lawlessness, violence, murder

Judg. 20:1-48; 21:1-14: national division, disgrace, and civil war

Judg. 21:1-25: deception and the terrible abuse of human rights by national leaders

Ruth 1:13 (ESV) the LORD has gone out against me."

Ruth 1:20 (ESV) the Almighty has made my life bitter

Ruth 1:21 (ESV) I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty.

Ruth 1:21 (ESV) the LORD has testified against me

Ruth 1:21 (ESV) the Almighty has brought calamity upon me."

Acts 2:22-24 (ESV)

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:37-38 (ESV)

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized

1. Christ's love _____ us.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV) For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

2. Christ's love _____ us.

1 John 3:16 (ESV) By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

3. Christ's love _____ us.

Ephesians 3:19 (ESV) . . . and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

4. Always read, _____, study, meditate, and concentrate on the _____ of God. It will send you, move you, make you, _____ you, for the purpose of _____ the _____ around you.