

# THE STORY

## FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

### The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Chapter 9 — April 26, 2015

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#### I. Context of the Story of **Ruth**. (Ruth 1:1-2)

- A. During the time of the **Judges**, mostly in **Bethlehem**.
- B. **Famine** causes Naomi and Elimelech to go to **Moab**.

#### II. Part 1 – Ruth and Naomi. (Ruth 1)

- A. Naomi's sons, **marry** Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth.
- B. Naomi's husband and sons **die**.
- C. Naomi **returns** to Bethlehem with Ruth, a foreigner.

*But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" – Ruth 1:16*

#### III. Part 2 – Ruth and Boaz. (Ruth 2-4)

- A. Ruth gleanes in the fields of **Boaz**.
- B. Boaz, as a kinsman-**redeemer**, marries Ruth (Ruth 4:9-10)
- C. Boaz and Ruth have a son and call him **Obed** ("worker").
- D. Ruth's name is in the **genealogy** of Jesus. (Matthew 1:5)

#### IV. Connecting the Upper Story to Our Story

- A. Naomi – "beautiful," "**bitter**" and "blessed." (1:20, 4:16)
- B. Ruth – faithful, **used** by God
- C. Boaz – Kinsman Redeemer, points to **Christ**

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.  
– 1 Peter 1:18-19*

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