

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Chapter 9 — April 26, 2015

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 gleans 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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