

THE BOOK OF RUTH

GOD'S GRACE IN NAOMI'S SORROW

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RUTH 1:15-22

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I. RUTH'S REFUSAL TO RETURN (Ruth 1:15-18)

A. Reviewing Naomi's counsel

- You can still remarry (8-9)
- I can't have more children (11-13)
- God's hand is against me (13b)

B. Ruth determines to stay with Naomi (15-18)

RUTH'S COMMITMENT

- Where you go I will go
 - Where you lodge I will lodge
 - Your people shall be my people
 - Your God shall be my God
 - Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried
- **NEW DESTINATION**
 - **NEW RESIDENCE**
 - **NEW IDENTITY**
 - **NEW FAITH**
 - **NEW LIFE & FUTURE**

MOAB (She gives up)	ISRAEL (She embraces)
Possible marriage	Virtually no chance for marriage
Familiar	Unfamiliar
Support system (friends, family)	Lone ranger (only Naomi)
Financial means (through family)	Poverty
Acceptance and understanding	Rejection and coldness
Life of relative ease	Life of assured difficulty
Will care for an eventual family	Works AND care for an older woman
Protected status as a Moab	Vulnerable and at the mercy of others

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I. *RUTH'S REFUSAL TO RETURN*

II. **NAOMI'S NEW NAME (Ruth
1:19-22)**

Naomi left	Naomi returned...
Hopeful	Devastated
Lovely, pleasant (as her name meant)	Bitter (her new nickname)
With family	With 1 non-blood relative
Full (with her family)	Empty (without those who mattered to her)
Hungry	<u>Still</u> hungry

APPLICATION

**You are an instrument
of God to minister to
others**

