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Some Facts about the Book of Ruth

The name Ruth means friendship

Ruth is the only Book in the Bible named for an ancestor of Jesus

It is one of the only two books in the Old Testament named after a woman. The other woman is Esther

The Book of Ruth is a story of redemption and it is a story of God's providence

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An outline of the Book of Ruth

1. Love's Resolved-Chapter one
2. Love's Response-Chapter two
3. Love's Request-Chapter three
4. Love's Reward-Chapter four

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1. Love's Resolved – Chapter 1

Ruth 1:1

Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. Ruth was written during a time of rebellion and it was written around the time of the 10th chapter of Judges

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1. Love's Resolved – Chapter 1

The name of the man *was* Elimelech, the name of his wife *was* Naomi, and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

The Names of Naomi's Sons

Mahlon means sickly or weaking

Chilion means cry baby

Naomi's Husband

Eli means my God: Melech means King

My God is King

Point to Ponder

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A lot of us make bad choices under pressure

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³ Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴ Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

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⁵ Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

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1. Love's Resolved – Chapter 1

Point to Ponder:

The very worst that God may have for you is better than the very best the Devil has for you

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1. Love's Resolved – Chapter 1

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread.

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

Point to Ponder

If my suffering leads me to God and God consciousness and God dependence

I would say that is good not bad

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1. Love's Resolved – Chapter 1

Psalm 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I
keep Your word.

Point to Ponder

The story of Ruth is one of the most important
and decisive moments in all of history

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Because one day, Jesus Christ will be born in Bethlehem and he will be born in Bethlehem because it is the city of David and David was born in Bethlehem because of his father Jesse and grandfather Obed who was the son of Ruth

And the reason he is the son of Ruth is because he is going to marry a guy named Boaz

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Zechariah 4

11 Don't despise the days of small beginnings

Ruth 1:11

But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? *Are* there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?”

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Verse 16

But Ruth said:

“Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people *shall be* my people,
And your God, my God.

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¹⁷ Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.

The Lord do so to me, and more also,
If *anything but* death parts you and me.”

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²⁰ But she said to them, “Do not call me Naomi call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?”

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²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

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II. Love's Response-Chapter 2

In Boaz we see a picture of Jesus

Prov. 31:30

beauty is vain, *But* a woman who fears the
LORD, she shall be praised

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II. Love's Response-Chapter 2

Ruth 2

¹⁵ And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ Also let *grain* from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.”

Ruth 2

²⁰ Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed of the LORD who has not forsaken his kindness to the living and to the dead

And Naomi said to her, “This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives

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II. Love's Response-Chapter 2

Point to Ponder-God-s Providence

The providence is where God takes ordinary events in life and arranges them

For extraordinary result

A Miracle is where God intervenes or overrides natural law

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II. Love's Response-Chapter 2

Naomi and Ruth show up in in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest

Ruth gleaned the barley field in Boaz's field

Bethlehem comes from two Hebrew words

Bet which is house or place and lehem which is bread

Bethlehem was the house of bread

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Point to Ponder-God-s Providence

Ruth 3:2

And she happened to come to the part of the field *belonging* to Boaz, who *was* of the family of Elimelech.

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III. Love' Request-Chapter three

¹ Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you that it may be well with you? ² Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, *is he* not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

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III. Love' Request-Chapter three

³ Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your *best* garment and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

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III. Love' Request-Chapter three

⁴ Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do.”

⁹ And he said, “Who *are* you?”

So she answered, “I *am* Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing for you are a close relative.”

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III. Love' Request-Chapter three

¹⁰ Then he said, “Blessed *are* you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman.

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III. Love' Request-Chapter three

¹² Now it is true that I *am* a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. ¹³ Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be *that* if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, *as* the Lord lives! Lie down until morning.”

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

³ Then he said to the close relative, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which *belonged* to our brother Elimelech. ⁴ And I thought to inform you, saying, ‘Buy *it* back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people.

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

If you will redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if you will not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know; for *there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.*”

And he said, “I will redeem *it*.”

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

⁵ Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy *it* from Ruth the Moabites, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance.”

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people,
“You *are* witnesses this day that I have bought
all that was Elimelech's, and all that *was*
Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of
Naomi.

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

• ¹⁰ Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You *are* witnesses this day.”

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IV. Love's Reward-Chapter 4

. ¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

And they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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Revelation 5

1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

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Revelation 5

4 Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;

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Jesus is our Kinsmen Redeemer

1. He is related to the human race
2. He was able to pay the price-with his own blood-He redeemed us
3. Jesus was willing like Boaz was willing