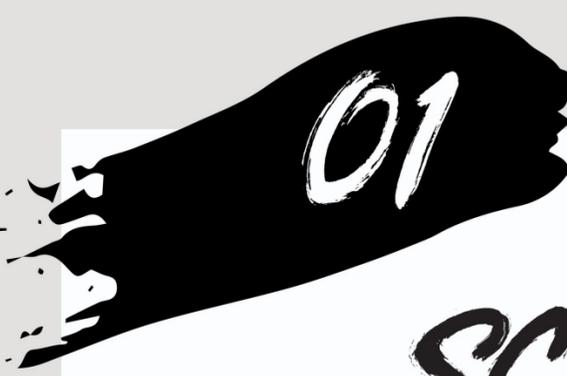


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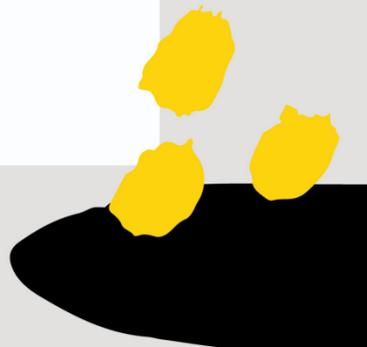
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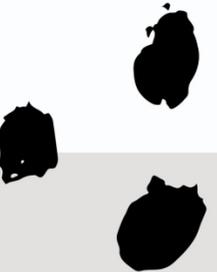
**(RUTH 1:1-5, 8-9, 14-18; 2:1-2, 15-16, 19-20; 3:1-4, 8-11;4:13-17, NIV)**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband. "Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud...



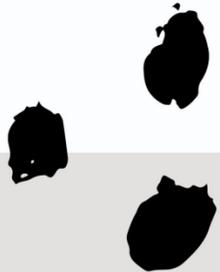


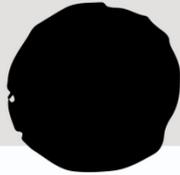
At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her." Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!"



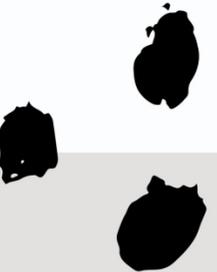


Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. “The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz,” she said. “The LORD bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.” She added, “That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian- redeemers. ”” One day Ruth’s mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don’t let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.” In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!





“Who are you?” he asked. “I am your servant Ruth,” she said. “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family.” So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.” Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.





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## STORY RE-CAP



God is always working in and through his people to rescue us and to redeem us. The story of Ruth gives me so much hope because I know that in everything - the good and the bad - God is working on his great plan for my life! God's plans for our lives are always so much better than we could ever imagine! Once Boaz and Ruth were married, they had a son. Their son was the great grandfather of King David. King David was the great, great, great, great... grandfather of Jesus! Boaz was Ruth's family redeemer. He was a man that God sent to care for Ruth. He needed to pay a price - for Naomi's land and to marry Ruth - so that the two woman didn't have to live as poor widows anymore. Having Boaz as a family redeemer meant that there would be someone to love and take care of Ruth and Naomi! We have a family redeemer too! Jesus paid the price to redeem us; he paid with his life! He made a way so that we can be rescued from sin! Because of what he did on the cross, we can be God's children and we'll get to live with him forever!



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## HOW THIS APPLIES

God is in control of everything! He is involved in every detail of our lives. You never ever have to feel alone.

Naomi and Ruth both had husbands who died. This was a terrible thing that happened. But even though something so bad happened, God was always at work. He worked in Ruth's heart and made her want to stay with Naomi. God knew all along that Boaz would be there waiting to redeem them at just the right time. When they arrived back in Bethlehem, Ruth and Naomi needed food. They didn't have a dad or a brother or a husband who could take care of them, so Ruth needed to work.

Gleaning was hard work - it meant following the harvesters and picking up any grain that they dropped. Ladies who gleaned would use the grain that they gathered to make bread. It might seem like things were really bad... But that doesn't mean that God was not at work! He made sure that Ruth ended up in Boaz's field. If Ruth didn't need to glean, she would never have met Boaz!





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## HOW THIS APPLIES

God knew all along that Boaz would be Ruth's family redeemer! When Ruth married Boaz, it meant that her and Naomi would be looked after. It meant that Ruth could have a family; children of her own. God had big plans for Ruth's children! Ruth and Boaz had a son. They named him Obed. Obed was the great grandfather of King David! I wonder if Ruth - a Moabite woman - could ever have imagined playing such a big part in God's family... Do you know who else came from the family line of King David?

Jesus - our Saviour and Great Redeemer!

When I think about Ruth, it reminds me that God is always in control! He works in every detail of my life so that his great plans always work out!





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# MAIN POINTS



1. GOD IS INVOLVED IN THE TINIEST DETAILS OF OUR LIVES
  2. GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING IN AND THROUGH HIS PEOPLE TO RESCUE AND REDEEM US
  3. GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL, HE WORKS IN EVERY DERTAIL OF MY LIFE SO THAT HIS PLANS FOR ME WORK OUT
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**THE END**

