

The Book of Ruth

“Running from God is the Wrong Direction”

Ruth 1

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Introduction:

- **Some major players in Ruth:**
 - Elimelech ... The husband of Naomi and a father of two sons.
 - Naomi ... Believe it or not the book of Ruth is really the story of Naomi. She is married to Elimelech and she is the mother of two sons, Mahlon and Kilion.
 - Ruth ... The woman whom the book is named after ... who is the daughter-in-law to Naomi ... she was married to Naomi's son Mahlon.
 - Boaz ... He is the son of Rahab. Kinsman Redeemer to Elimelech . In other words, he is a relative of Elimelech and now Naomi by marriage.
- Hebrew – **Go'el** ... English – **Kinsman Redeemer** ... “A relative called to perform one or more of four duties in the Law of Moses:
 - See justice is done for a murdered relative. (**Numbers 35:19**)
 - Marry a childless widow of deceased brother to carry on his name. (**Deuteronomy 25:5-10**)
 - Buy back family land (**Leviticus 25:25**)
 - Redeem relatives sold or taken into slavery or bondage. (**Leviticus 25:47-49**)

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1. We Run When Times Get Hard:
 - a. **James 1:2-4**
 - b. **Ruth 1:1-2**
 - c. Even now, Christians run from God:
 - i. When we refuse to take a stand:
 - ii. When we do not lead:
 - iii. Not doing the right thing:
 - d. Here is the question ... Will you be ok to live in a land that does not worship the Lord God Almighty? A land that will lay its children on the altar of sacrifice? (That part is already happening)
 2. The Grass Is Not Greener:
 - a. **Ruth 1:3-5**
 - b. Prodigal Sin – **Luke 15**
 - c. Wouldn't it be better if the saying was: ... THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ... WHERE YOU WATER IT?
 3. It Is Never to Late To Come Back Home:
 - a. **Ruth 1:6-7**
 - b. **Ruth 1:14**
 - c. **Ruth 1:16-18**
 - d. **Matthew 5:16**
 - e. **2nd Corinthians 4:7-9**

