

Let's Read the Bible



*a Bible Reading and Study Guide
for*

Ruth

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Introduction

Dear Bible Study Friend,

I can call you friend, right? Thank you for taking this journey with me. Let me introduce myself. I'm Sarah: a wife and a mother to five children. I spend my days answering silly and serious questions, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and reheating my coffee thirty times a day. Our family lives on the mission field. This makes for a lot of messes, but also a lot of memories. Let me start out with this:

It is ok to be new at this.

It is ok to not know what to pray or where to start reading the Bible. Just know you are not behind! I want to walk alongside you, offer a cup of coffee, and give you a chance to change. I know you are ready.

Thirteen years ago I left my full-time teaching job to care for my children. Those early days were spent reheating my coffee and playing with cars, but I was full of shame. I felt guilty for never reading my Bible. I was stuck. Did God even hear my prayers? I knew I had time, but I didn't even know where to start. The hardest part? I felt like I couldn't ask anyone at church how to move forward. I was too embarrassed to ask for help.

Have you ever been there? In the midst of dirty clothes, sticky floors, and piles of dishes we can hear God speak to us. Really. We can! We can get the daily courage, strength, and wisdom we need. God wants to meet us in the midst of our busy lives.

It isn't about finding the time....but about discovering the time we already have. Friend, you can start today. I love the book of Ruth because it is not just a great story, but it shows us truths about love, redemption, and God's amazing salvation! I am so excited you have decided to dig into this amazing book with me.

Let's get started.

As you dive into the book of Ruth, you have two choices.

1. You can study it on your own. After reading the Background information, use the 30 Day Reading Guide and reflection pages to simply read God's Word and write your own thoughts and ideas down.

2. You can do a deep Bible study. Use the Basic Principles for Bible Study and The PRAYER Method to go deeper and study the book to gain a deeper knowledge. The steps are not divided into days. You take these questions and do them at your own speed.

Let's do this!

Because time in God's Word is never wasted,





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Simply Read

After reading the background information, use the 30 Day Reading Guide and reflection page to simply read God's Word and write your own thoughts and ideas down.

Some things you can write (either in this workbook or your own journal):

1. Personal Reflections
2. Questions
3. Prayers
4. Write Verses





Background

QUICK OVERVIEW

Author: No one knows. Many believe it was written during the time of the kings in Israel. There are no other author clues.

Audience: It was written as a part of the Jewish scriptures called the Torah, which would mean the audience is Jewish.

Characters: Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz are the main characters. Minor characters include Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, Mahlon and Chilion, Naomi's sons, and Orpah, Naomi's other daughter-in-law.

Style: It is told in a narrative form. This means it is a story with characters, settings, and a plot.

Location: There are two main locations. The first is Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." It is known today as "David's town." At the end of Ruth we will discover why. The second place is Moab. This country was historically an enemy of Israel.

Context: Ruth 1:1 tells us that it takes place during "the days when judges ruled." There was a lot of darkness during this time. We can read in the book of Judges that there was no king or order during this time. The story takes place during a time right after the death of Joshua and before the time of Kings. If you look at your Table of Contents in your Bible, Ruth comes after Judges, but takes place during the time of Judges. The book of Ruth comes before 1 Samuel, which is when the nation of Israel began to have kings. Ruth was probably written during the time when there were kings in Israel, but it takes place when there is no king.

Purpose: It was written to give an account of the birth of Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David. It is through David's line we have Jesus Christ, our Messiah.

Themes: Ruth has many themes. Love, loneliness, community, redemption, and fullness are all themes for this amazing little book.



Background

My mother lost her mother suddenly and then her father slowly died of cancer. Which was easier? She said neither. Death hurts no matter how it hits. No amount of planning can get you ready to lose someone you love. Did the women in the first chapter of Ruth have time to prepare for the death of their husbands? Did Naomi know her sons were dying? Did both sons die the same day; different days; over a period of weeks, months, or years?

It doesn't matter. To this day I still mourn my paternal grandmother. Her death was the first I experienced as an adult. We found out she had cancer in June and she died in October. In May, she missed my first son's 2nd birthday, but I remember telling her: "It's ok. There will be more birthdays." Only there weren't. She was gone before he turned three.

When my great-aunt, her sister, died eight years later, I remember grieving all over again. Was it like that for Naomi and Ruth? Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. Ten years later her two sons die too. So began the journey of grief. During this time bitterness, loneliness, and emptiness entered Naomi's soul.

As Naomi traveled back to Bethlehem, both daughters-in-law wanted to come back with her. Naomi convinces one to return to Moab, but Ruth refuses to leave. Ruth decides to stay with Naomi and claims Naomi's God as her God. (Ruth 1:16-17)

The walk back home for Naomi, along with Ruth, from the country of Moab to Bethlehem, was not comforting for either woman. It was a journey of necessity and desperation. It was a lonely, hard journey. Although shorter in distance, but longer in time, Jesus took a journey from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. From the manger to the cross our Savior and Messiah walked a life of 33 years and one filled with loneliness as well.

Naomi's and Ruth's story can teach us lessons about bitterness, loneliness, and love. But Christ is our answer and ultimate source of hope for the sorrow we carry.

Many times we like to skip to the end of the story. But let's not do that this time. We don't live at the end of our stories. We live in the messy middle. Our lives might not look like what we think. Naomi's sons were still dead and she most certainly held that heartache until she died. But God was going to do a great work in her life. Restoration sometimes doesn't look like what we imagine, but God promises redemption.

We can rest that God is working in our lives, even during times of sorrow. In the next thirty days I hope to walk you through the story of Ruth and Naomi to show you that even if loneliness, bitterness, and sorrow lingers, God's love is unchanging. Their story reminds us that our sorrow can lead us straight to the kindness of God.



Background

HOW DOES JUDGES FIT WITH RUTH?

During the time of Judges, the children of Israel had settled in the Promised Land, defeating (most) of their enemies but then their leader Joshua died. When he was still alive it says, “And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel.” (Judges 2:7)

Judges 2:10-11 says, “And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers {died}. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals {other gods}.”

Can you see it? Everyone who had been a first-hand witness to God’s amazing work to defeat their enemies had died. Their children arose and suddenly everything turned wrong.

If you read **Judges 2:11-15** you will see what happened. Basically God allowed suffering because of their unfaithfulness to Him. In their distress, they “called out to God.” (Judges 2:18) God never abandoned His people. He raised up judges, which were like rulers, to help govern and guide the people back to worshipping God.

If you read **Judges 2:16-23** it serves as a summary for the entire book of Judges. As we study the Book of Ruth, we do not have to necessarily read the entire book of Judges. But if we want a glimpse of the culture at the time, we can read these few verses.

Background

HOW DOES JUDGES FIT WITH RUTH?

The book of Judges reads like a circle. It begins with Israel committing idolatry, and worshipping other gods. Then God allows some sort of sorrow to plague the people. Sometimes He would cause neighboring armies to come in and raid. Other times there would be famines (which meant no rain or food). After suffering, the Israelites cry out to God. It says in Judges 2:18 that “The Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.” God would send a judge to rescue them. They would repent, turn away from their sin, and experience revival. Once the judge died, the people would go back to worshipping other gods. The endless cycle lasted for many decades.



In Ruth 1:1 the book begins with “In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land...” God had allowed suffering to enter the lives of the Israelites again. Many scholars believe that Moab and Israel were on good terms during this time.

It was a time of moral injustice. The people did what they thought was right. There was no sense of right or wrong. Sinful practices were acceptable and following the one true God was rare. Sounds familiar right? This is why I love Ruth so much. She lived in a similar world as ours.



Background

JUDGES 2:11-23

Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do so.

And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

Then the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the Lord, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not." Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.



Background

WHO ARE THE CHARACTERS IN RUTH?

Before you read Ruth it might be good to review who is in our story. There are a few minor characters, but the three main characters are Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. Ruth was a Moabite. She probably looked different, spoke a different language, and overall practiced a different culture than her new family. Ruth was the wife of one of Naomi's sons. She was Naomi's daughter-in-law who left Moab (Ruth's home country) to go back to Israel. Many believe Ruth is the main character. After all, her name is the title of the book. However, I would like for you to consider Naomi as the main character.

Naomi was a woman who left her hometown with her husband and two sons to build a better life. She left full of hope, confidence, and joy. In the land of her enemies she lost everything. First her husband (Elimelech) dies, then after marrying off her two sons (Mahlon & Chilion), they die too. After all of this loss she leaves Moab to travel back to Bethlehem because she has "heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food." (Ruth 1:6)

Ruth wiggles her way into Naomi's heart and she lets Ruth return with her. When Naomi enters Bethlehem again she says her name is Mara. This name change indicates a change in her character. Naomi means "pleasant" but Mara means "bitter." Life had turned her heart from joyful to sorrowful.

Finally, we have Boaz. He is also referred to as the "Kinsman Redeemer." He is seen as the rescuer and restoring of life for both Naomi and Ruth. Boaz is a farmer who loves the God of Israel. He does right by his employees and treats Ruth, a foreigner, with grace and respect. Boaz is what scholars call a "type of Christ." There will be characteristics of Boaz we will see that mimic those of Jesus.



Background

WHAT IS THE TONE AND GENRE OF RUTH?

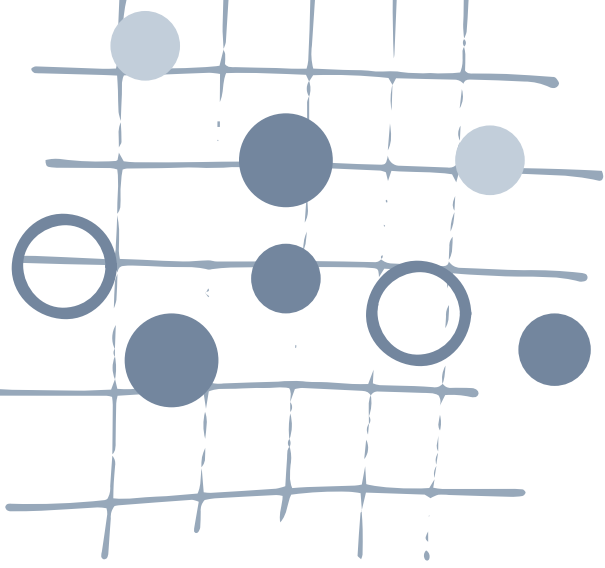
Ruth has the tone of a good story. It is written in narrative form, which is basically story format. There are characters, settings, background, explanations, drama, conflict, climax, and redemption. On the surface, the story of Ruth is one of loss, love, and redemption. The story-teller, however, does not add any fluff about love. There are no passionate kisses or declarations of undying love. In fact, we will see that the love referenced in this book focuses more on Ruth and Naomi's bond than Ruth and Boaz's.

WHAT ARE THE THEMES IN RUTH?

Themes of Ruth include empty/full, loss/love, bitterness, loneliness, and redemption. It is a love story - not about Boaz and Ruth, but between Ruth and Naomi. The love between Ruth and Naomi is not sexual, but a deeper, friendship love.

Ruth's devotion to Naomi begins when she leaves her hometown to go back to Bethlehem. When they return, it is Ruth who provides for Naomi and when Naomi has this crazy idea about going to a barn and asking Boaz to marry her, Ruth goes along with it for the sake of her love for Naomi. Ruth gives her son to Naomi at the end of the book as a gift to this woman whom she loves.

Another theme is that of empty and full. Naomi leaves Bethlehem full - with a husband and two sons. She returns empty and bitter. God fills her arms again with a son by Ruth. God's lovingkindness is central. The idea of moving past grief and seeing God's sovereign hand in unexpected twists and turns is a general theme as well.



Outline

The Prodigal Woman (Ruth 1)

1. When Life Leaves Your Empty (1:1-5)
2. Emptiness Leaves Us with No Hope (1:6-13)
3. Ruth's Stubborn Hope (1:14-18)
4. Naomi's Stubborn Bitterness (1:19-22)

The Faithful Friend (Ruth 2)

1. God's Sovereign Hand to Lead (2:1-7)
2. God's Sovereign Refuge (2:8-13)
3. God's Sovereign Provision (2:14-18)
4. God's Sovereign Kindness (2:19-23)

The Obedient Daughter (Ruth 3)

1. Obeying Naomi's Instructions (3:1-5)
2. The Proposal to Boaz (3:6-13)
3. Waiting on an Answer (3:14-18)

The Unexpected Redeemer (Ruth 4)

1. The Unknown Redeemer Rejects Ruth (4:1-8)
2. The True Redeemer Accepts Ruth (4:9)
3. The Redeemer Promises (4:10-12)
4. The Redeemer Restores (4:13-22)



Key Verses



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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."

Ruth 2:11-12

"And Boaz answered and said to her, '...The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.'"

Ruth 2:18

"Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied."

Ruth 2:20

"Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead'"

Ruth 3:18

"Then she said, 'Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day.'"

Ruth 4:11

"And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, 'We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.'"

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30 Day Bible Reading Plan

Because this is a short book we are going to try and read it two times this month! Use this reading plan and write down any thoughts, prayers, reflections, or just simply a verse that stands out to you.

- Judges 2:6-10
- Judges 2:11-16
- Ruth 1:1-5
- Ruth 1:6-13
- Ruth 1:14-18
- Ruth 1:19-22
- Ruth 2:1-7
- Ruth 2:8-13
- Ruth 2:14-18
- Ruth 2:19-23
- Ruth 3:1-5
- Ruth 3:6-13
- Ruth 3:14-18
- Ruth 4:1-9
- Ruth 4:10-12
- Ruth 4:13-22
- Ruth 1:1-5
- Ruth 1:6-13
- Ruth 1:14-18
- Ruth 1:19-22
- Ruth 2:1-7
- Ruth 2:8-13
- Ruth 2:14-18
- Ruth 2:19-23
- Ruth 3:1-5
- Ruth 3:6-13
- Ruth 3:14-18
- Ruth 4:1-12
- Matthew 1:1-17

Resources

FOR RUTH

- ▶ <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/matthew-henry/Ruth>
- ▶ <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/ruth>
- ▶ https://www.amazon.com/Gospel-Ruth-Loving-Enough-Break/dp/0310330858/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1641926476&sr=8-1
- ▶ <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/help-me-teach-the-bible/christopher-ash-teaching-ruth/>
- ▶ <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-238/~~/about>

FOR COMMENTARIES & GENERAL BIBLE STUDY

- ▶ <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/eng.html>
- ▶ <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/>
- ▶ <https://www.gty.org/library/articles/45STUDY/how-to-study-your-bible>
- ▶ <https://www.nancyguthrie.com/help-me-teach-the-bible-podcast>
- ▶ Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds by Jen Wilkin



Self-Paced Study

Let's dive deeper into the book of Ruth!

Use the following **Basic Principles for Bible Study** and **The PRAYER Method** to go deeper and study the book to gain a deeper knowledge.

The steps are not divided into a certain amount of days, because you can take the entire month (or longer) to do the deeper Bible study.



Basic Principle for Bible Study

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

Most of the time we will spend trying to understand the text without other people's thoughts clouding our view. We will learn how to research cultural insights, historical background, and author information. Who? When? Why? What? Where? Will be some of the questions we will try to answer during the first four steps. We are going to try to avoid opinions. We want to understand what the Bible literally says.



For this Bible Study Guide I will provide either places for you to search or give you the answers to these questions.





INTERPRET THE TEXT

After we have a clear understanding of the passage, we will try to figure out the meaning. Why did the author write this? The next step take will take you through figuring out what you think the text means first, but then we will move on to what others have to say. We might be able to figure out what we think most of the verses are saying, but we might still have questions. This is where we will use the Resource page to help expand our knowledge.

APPLY THE TEXT

In this final step we will ask ourselves the same application questions each week. What aspect of God's character has been revealed in the text? How is this character trait illustrated? How does understanding that characteristic of God change the way I should think and act? How can I better live in the world based on these truths? Ultimately the Bible is about God.

When we know Him better, we can learn how to live. Reflecting and changing also involves prayer. So make sure prayer is a part of this last step as well.



The PRAYER Method

After reading Jen Wilken's book, "Women of the Word", I put together this method for studying a book of the Bible. You can take a day or a week to do each step. Each step does not take an equal amount of time. The first two steps will take significantly less time than the third and possibly the sixth step. The last step will probably take the least amount of time. Each step is vital to really digging deep and studying the entire book. Make sure to follow the steps in order.

Prepare. Prepare to understand the text by setting the background. First, we will look at the context of the passage we are studying. The author, the audience, the setting, and themes of the book. We will always keep the big picture in mind. You will answer: who? what? where? when? These answers will be available in your reading guide. You can also search up these answers yourself. Use the resource page if you want to do your own research.

Read. For this second step, we will focus on reading. We will start to notice key words and phrases. We will use this day to write the text. When we physically write out the words of scripture for ourselves, we slow down and read it more slowly. This practice will help us begin to see details.

A Closer Look. Let's look closer. For this step, we will study smaller phrases and words in the text. We will look in other passages of scripture. We will use a dictionary and thesaurus to help us. We will study Scripture with Scripture. Reading God's Word in context and looking at cross references is the best tool for figuring out what a word or phrase means.

Your Turn. After you look at what the passage says, it is your turn to look at the passage and determine what it means. Put the pieces of the first two days together to form what you think the passage means. Now you will answer the question, why. It is important you still do not consult a commentary. Try to figure out the purpose of the verses before looking at what others have to say.

Expand. Now is the time to look at commentaries. Expand your knowledge by reading what others have said. There are men and women who have studied the Bible a lot longer than we have. We can gain much from their knowledge. What do other theologians have to say about this book? You can look in a variety of places, but I've provided a couple of resources that I've found helpful on the resource page. Write down the verses you didn't understand. Look those up and see what others have to say. Record your thoughts.

Reflect. The very last step in studying the Bible is application. We tend to skip ahead to apply God's truth to our lives right away. If you do the hard work of the first few days, the application section will not only be easier to determine, it will be focused on what the text has already told us! These questions will guide you to honestly reflecting on what you've learned and how God can change you after reading and studying this book of the Bible.

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Bible Study Questions

STEP 1 - PREPARE



Use the **Resource page** and the **Background** information to answer these questions.

Author: Who wrote it?

Main Characters: Who is mentioned?

Style: What is the literary style?

Location: Where does the story take place?

Context: Where does it fit into the Big Story of the Bible? History: What is the historical context?

Ruth 1:1 begins this story with context. It says, "In the days when the judges ruled..." Read Judges 2:6-10 to read the context of Ruth. Write down what stands out to you.

Who was present?

What were their names?

What happened after these people died?

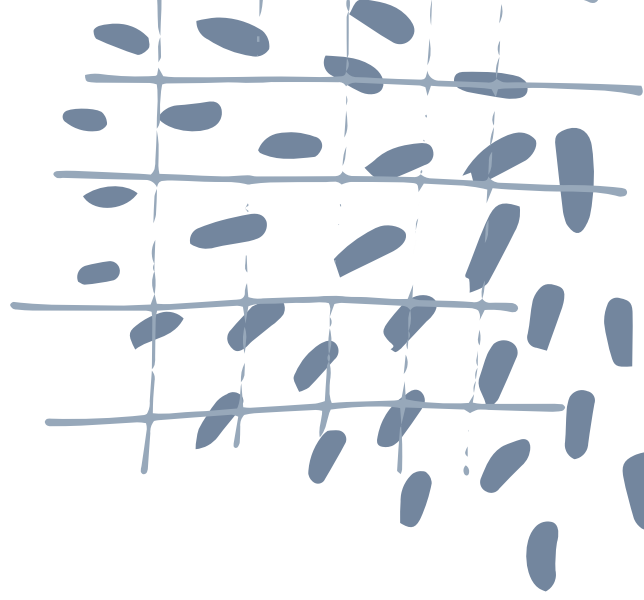
What was the response from the people once this generation was gone?

What happened to the people after they suffered?

Record your answers here or in your own notebook.

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STEP 2 - READ

Take several days to just read through the book over and over again. You might want to use a different translation or listen to the book being read aloud. Then, answer these questions. Remember - there are no “wrong” answers. Just answer what you think.

- Do any words/phrases stand out?
- Why do you think this story was included in the Old Testament?
- What do you think the themes are for the book of Ruth?

These are a few of the key words I found in Ruth. Use a thesaurus or dictionary to write out the definitions.

Steadfast Love
Wings / Corner of the Garment
Redeemer
Kindness

What other words could you add to this list? Look up those as well.

Record your answers here or in your own notebook.

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STEP 3 - A CLOSER LOOK

Here are a few cross-references based on the key-words. Write any observations you have about these verses and how they might relate to the verse from Ruth.

Steadfast Love - Ruth 2:20

There is a specific word in Ruth 2:20. It is translated “kindness” but it means ‘goodness, steadfast love’ of God.

- What specifically do these verses teach us about God’s steadfast love?
- Exodus 15:13
- 2 Chronicles 7:3

Wings - Ruth 2:12, Ruth 3:9

- Psalm 36:7 uses both the word for “steadfast love” and also for “refuge.” What does Psalm 36 teach us about this idea of God being loving and safe?
- In the following verses, the same word for “wing” is used as found in Ruth. What is the context and how does it connect with Ruth?
- Psalm 63:7
- Psalm 139:9

Redeemer - Ruth 3:12

Boaz is being asked to do what is described in Deuteronomy 25:5. Read this and describe what is required.

- Why was it required?
- Who does Hebrews 9:12 describe it?
- How does Boaz point to Jesus Christ?

Kindness - Read Ruth 3:10

At first when reading this we think Boaz is talking about the kindness Ruth shows to him for being willing to marry an older man. But really, Ruth’s kindness is a revealing of a heart of love for her mother-in-law. It is Ruth’s love for Naomi that prompts her to obey Naomi’s instruction and marry Boaz.

- How does this change the story?
- How does this change your perspective of the main characters?

Record your answers on the following page or in your own notebook.

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STEP 4 - YOUR TURN

Read through this list of these key verses from the book of Ruth.

Ruth 1:6

Ruth 1:16-17

Ruth 2:10-12

Ruth 2:18

Ruth 2:20

Ruth 3:9

Ruth 3:18

Ruth 4:11

Ruth 4:14

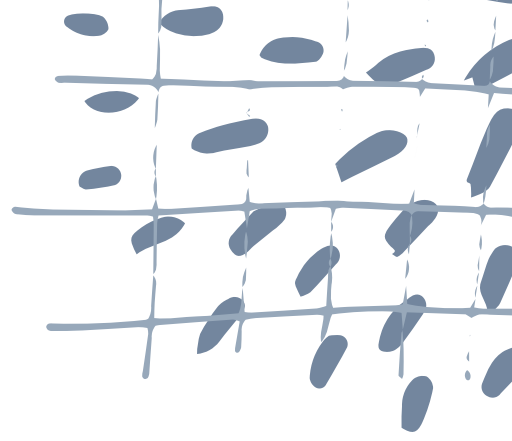
Write your observations and what you think each verse means. Don't worry if you don't know. Just do your best. Don't forget to use the context (the verses surrounding it) to help you.

Try to paraphrase each chapter of Ruth. Let's go behind paraphrasing the action. Let's try to see the lessons and underlying themes of Ruth found in each chapter.

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STEP 4 - YOUR TURN



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STEP 5 - EXPAND

Use the questions from Days 4-7 and the Resource page to look up anything that doesn't make sense to you.

Record your answers here or in your own notebook.

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STEP 6 - REFLECT

Answer the following questions and don't worry about having the "right" answers. These are between you and God!

- What aspect of God's character has been revealed in the text?
Faithfulness? Greatness? Just? Loving? Merciful?
- How is this character trait illustrated?
- What did Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz teach us about how God loves us?
- How can we use times of grief, loneliness, solitude, and even devastation to turn to God?
- Why is this a "love story"?
- How did Naomi leave Moab empty but God restored her?
- What role did Ruth play? Boaz?

Record your answers here or in your own notebook.

WRITE A REFLECTION PRAYER HERE.

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- I'M WITH YOU (RUTH & NAOMI) - NICHOLE NORDEMAN & AMY GRANT
- THE DETOUR - FAITHFUL, SAVANNAH LOCKE & SARAH KROGER
- JESUS, SEE THE TRAVELER - SARA GROVES
- LOVE IS A GOOD THING - ANDREW PETERSON
- ENOUGH - SARA GROVES
- JOY POURS OUT - CHRISTY NOCKELS
- YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISES - JJ HELLER
- I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER - FERNANDO ORTEGA
- HE WILL REDEEM IT ALL - MELANIE PENN
- SOMETHING TRUE - JUNIPER VALE
- ALWAYS GOOD - ANDREW PETERSON

Thank you!

Thank you for using this Bible Reading and Study Guide! I pray it was a blessing to spend time getting to know God through the book of Philippians. I pray He continues to grow your faith through the study of His word.

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