

## The Story Chapter 9: The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Ruth is an amazing story that illustrates God's unconditional, and infinite redeeming grace and love. It takes place 1,000 years before Jesus in the times of the Judges. This is a dark time for Israel as its people run to and from God in cycles.

There are three huge themes in Ruth's incredible story

- I. Loss
  - A. Ruth 1.1-5
  - B. Elimelek and family move to the pagan nation of Moab
  - C. Naomi's husband and two sons are killed
  - D. Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, move back to Bethlehem (Ru 1.19)
- II. Love
  - A. Ruth 2-4
  - B. Ruth is gathering food from the fields when she meets Boaz (Ru 2.8)
  - C. Ruth finds favor in Boaz's eyes (Ru 2.5)
  - D. Ruth proposes that Boaz propose to her (Ru 3.9)
  - E. Boaz redeems Ruth (4.10)
  - F. Boaz and Ruth get married (Ru 4:13a)
- III. Legacy
  - A. Ruth and Boaz have a son named Obed, which means "servant" (Ru 4.17)
  - B. Obed was King David's grandfather (Ru 4.22) and a direct heir to Christ (Matt 1.5)
  - C. Obed was Jesus' grandfather x 30!
  - D. Ruth's faith in God's providence lead to His faithfulness long after Ruth was dead
  - E. Our faithfulness to God will ALWAYS lead to spiritual legacy that glorifies Him