

RUTH

finding **HOPE** in a disappointing world

Weeping (Suffering)	Working (Gleaning)	Waiting (Asking)	Wedding (Redeeming)
A Faith that is Determined	A Faith that is Diligent	A Faith that is Dependent	A Faith that produces Deliverance
Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4

When We Feel God Has Abandoned Us

Ruth 1:1-22

The Setting...

- The Famine 1:1a
Perhaps the famine was a sign of God's _____ Judges 6:3-4
Perhaps the famine was a sign of God's _____ Deut 11:16-17
- The Reaction 1:1b-2
Elimelech intended a _____ in Moab
Ultimately it became a _____
- The Consequences 1:3-5
The _____ of Elimelech
_____ to Moabite Women
The Death of _____
- The Circumstances 1:6-13
For Naomi-
An _____ widow-hood _____ in a foreign land
For Ruth and Orpah-
_____ widow-hood without _____

The Principle...

Our response to disappointment will determine our _____

- Like Elimelech, we can respond with _____

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and 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 Elimelech, his wife's name 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. (1:1-2)

- Like Naomi, we can respond with _____

It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!"(13b) "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." (20-21)

- Like Orpah, we can respond with _____

Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by . . . "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." (1:14-15)

- Like Ruth, we can respond with _____

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. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. (1:16-18)

We must determine to be faithful to _____

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