



# STORY OF RUTH

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# Ruth

Ruth grew up in the culture of Moab and knew nothing of the God of the Israel.

However, she married into a Hebrew family Elimelech and Naomi.

Ruth soon became a widow with no support for a stable future.

-Wesley Culpepper



Ruth was encouraged to stay in Moab with her birth family, but refused.

Her famous quote “where you will go I will go where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16

-Wesley Culpepper

*Where you go I will go,  
and where you stay I will stay.  
Your people will be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Ruth 1:16*

The last quote really defines her faith in the God of Israel.

With those words Ruth placed her future in God's hands.

She accompanied Naomi to Bethlehem.

-Wesley Culpepper



Ruth immediately went to work to glean the left over grain from a land owner's field.

Ruth trusted God, worked, and took care of her mother in law in the meantime.

God was working behind the scenes in Ruth's life.

-Will Temple



Ruth didn't know it but the field she had chosen to glean was owned by a man named Boaz.

Boaz protected Ruth and cared for her just like Jesus does for us.

-Will Temple



Boaz and Ruth got married and became the grandparents of king David, the direct ancestors of David's Messiah Jesus Christ.

God continually worked in Ruth's life and brought her close to him through patience and guidance.

Without faith it is impossible to please God and it is obvious Ruth was a prime example of that.

-Will Temple



# Spiritual Challenges (Phillip)

Ruth was a very kind and generous person.

To help care for her mother-in-law, Naomi, Ruth uprooted her life to help care for Naomi.

She basically had to trust God to provide for her in an unfamiliar setting.





## Spiritual Challenges (Phillip)

In Ruth's life, she was married at the age of 19. Soon after, her husband passed away leaving Ruth in poverty.

Ruth had to provide for herself to keep a healthy and comfortable lifestyle.

Despite her association with the Moabites, Ruth decided to follow a more righteous path with God.

“It is striking to observe how God's love in Ruth's life overcame all obstacles—poverty, racial prejudice, age disparity, physical temptations... (Bible.org)”



## Spiritual Challenges (Phillip)

Although Ruth could have given him the cold shoulder, she decided to put all of her trust in Boaz, who treated her very kindly.

With treating Naomi, Ruth constantly had to look to God to help care for not only herself, but for her loved ones.

At the end of the day, your relationship with God and your family is all that you have. Have faith and courage that God will care for you, if you are willing to trust and obey.



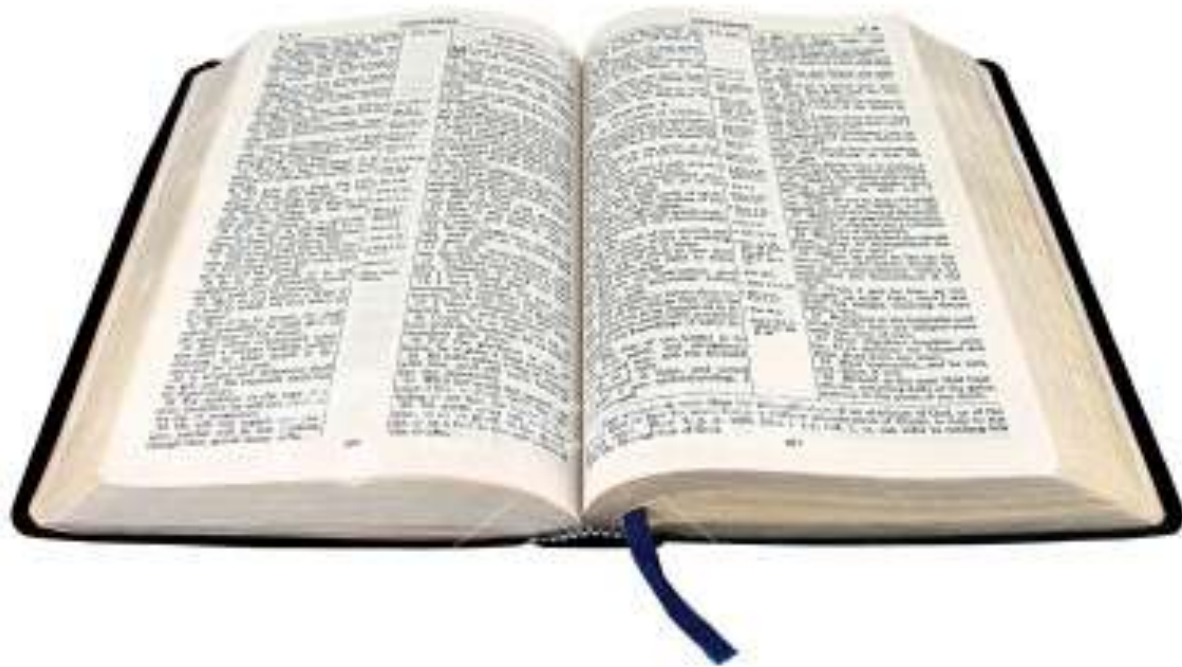
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THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT  
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## Verses (Phillip)

Isaiah 10:31 – “but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

Matthew 10: 26 – “Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.”



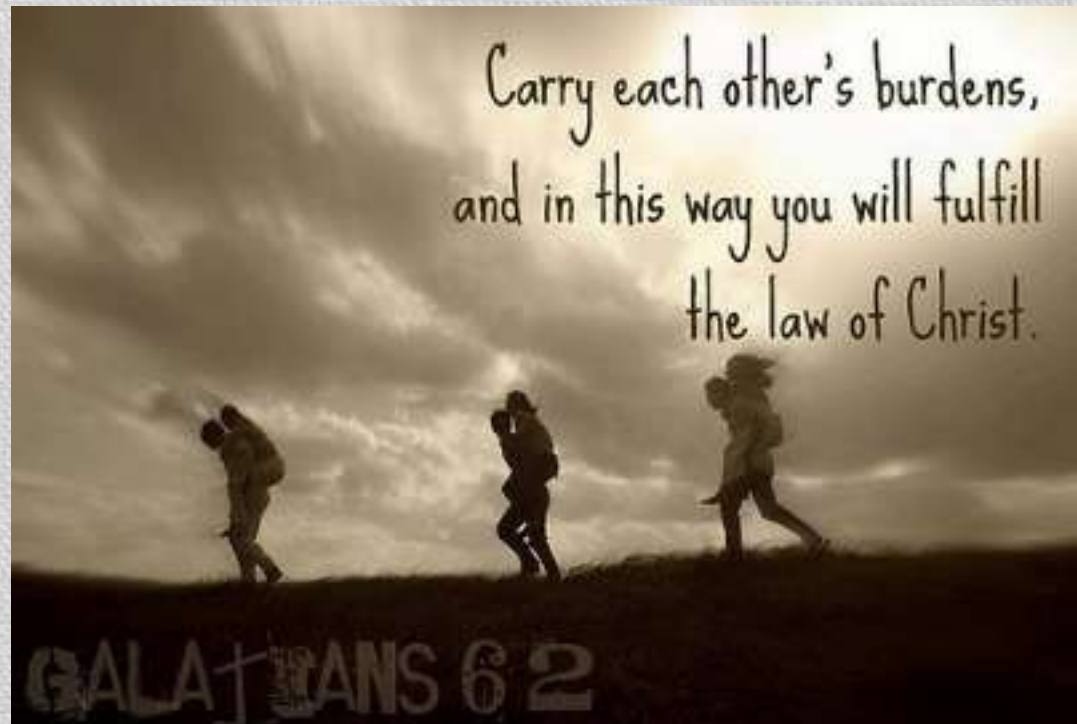
# Theme of Ruth

The story of Ruth tells about how two women remain loyal to one another in the hardest of circumstances

“Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” –Galatians 6:2

Ruth’s relationship with God was built on a strong trust that He was doing what was best for her

Madeline Welch



# Ruth's relationship with God

Since Ruth had a strong relationship with God, she possessed many qualities that Christians are supposed to have

Our number one job as Christians is to serve God before anyone or anything else

Ruth did this by trusting that being with Naomi was God's path for her and through this she was able to serve Him in their friendship

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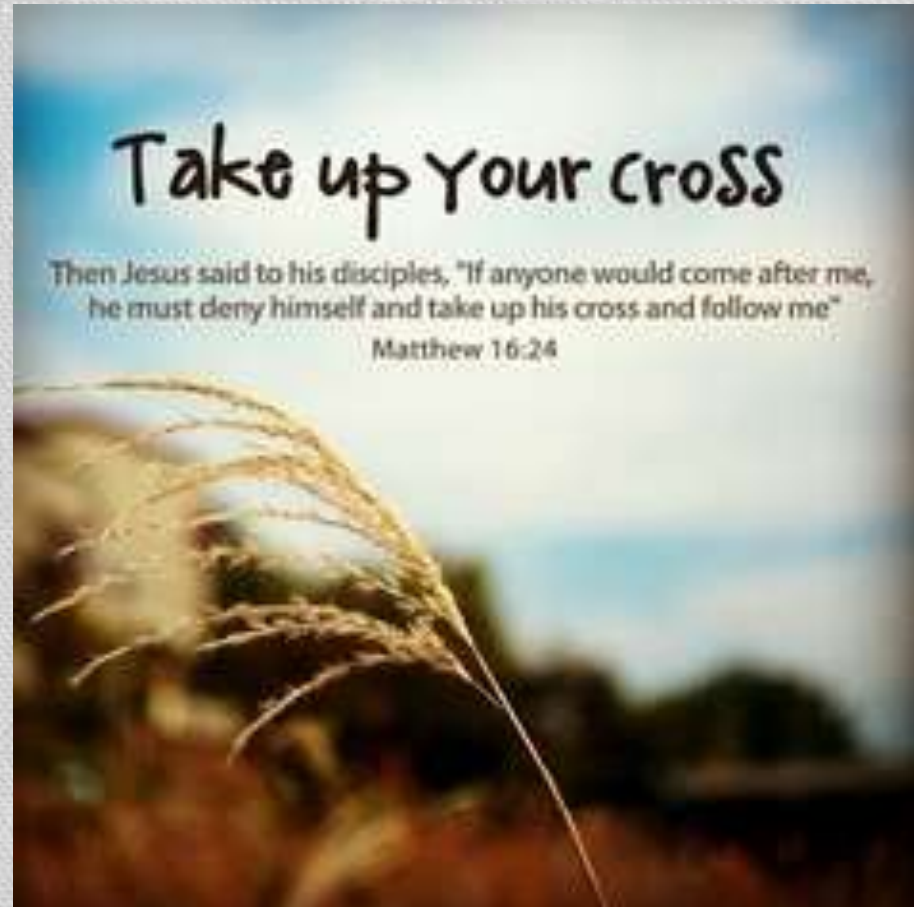
Another aspect of Ruth's relationship with God exemplified through her actions was her loyalty to following Naomi

In the same dedication, she followed God which made her a good disciple of Christ

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Mathew 16:24

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# Application

- What can we learn from Ruth?
  - God values loyal friendship
  - We should trust in God's plan for us even if we don't understand it
- What impact did their faith make?
  - Ruth shows us that God's plan is better than we could ever imagine it to be
  - By trusting God, he can use us for his will
- How does this affect us spiritually?
  - Incredible faith
  - God's plan is greater than our own

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