

## LIFE OF RUTH-

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Our father we thank you for everything you've done. We ask that you give us deeper revelation about you as we study today. In Jesus name

Today we are learning about the Life of story of RUTH

### Ruth's Story

During a famine, a man named Elimelech took his wife Naomi and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, east from their home in Bethlehem in Judea to a country called Moab. After their father's death, the sons married Moabite women, Orpah, and Ruth. They lived together for about 10 years until both Mahlon and Chilion died, leaving their mother Naomi to live with her daughters-in-law.

Hearing that the famine had ended in Judah, Naomi decided to return to her home, and she urged her daughters-in-law to return to their own mothers in Moab. After much dispute, Orpah acceded to her mother-in-law's wishes and left her, weeping. But the Bible says Ruth clung to Naomi and uttered her now-famous words: "Where you go I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

Once they reached Bethlehem, Naomi and Ruth sought food by gleaning grain from the field of a kinsman, Boaz. Boaz offered Ruth protection and food. When Ruth asked why she, a foreigner, should receive such kindness, Boaz replied that he had learned of Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law, and he prayed that the God of Israel would bless Ruth for her loyalty.

Naomi then contrived to marry Ruth to Boaz by invoking her kinship with him. She sent Ruth to Boaz at night to offer herself to him, but the upright Boaz refused to take advantage of her. Instead, he helped Naomi and Ruth negotiate some rituals of inheritance, after which he married Ruth. Soon they had a son, Obed, who fathered a son Jesse, who was the father of David, who became king of a unified Israel.

She is a patient lady

She was respectful too

Ruth 2:10

Our dear father we worship you, we appreciate your goodness towards us, thank you for not leaving us to ourselves, thank you for staying true to ur word....

Daddy, We ask that you speak to our hearts today, let d eye of our understanding be enlightened in Jesus name Amen

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF RUTH

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### Gifty Exquisite

Today we will be discussing "achievements of Ruth"

What did Ruth achieve.....

Parents name their child Ruth cause of the kind of life she lived...

I think that is an achievement....

She was a moabite and she converted to judaism.....

She also showed deep commitment towards it....

She was introduced to the God of judan and she stayed loyal....

Her loyalty made her a lineage of Jesus. She begat obed, who was d grandfather of David...

Every decision we make as a consequence.....

Let's choice rightly

Ruth's story is celebrated during the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, 50 days after Passover.

She developed a good relationship with her mother in law.....

So exemplary...

A relationship where the greatest bond was faith in God

Very soon, but I hope we learnt something

Contribution; Ruth is a woman of love. Her love for her mother-in-law is amazing and her sacrifice put her in the lineage of Jesus

Father thank you for today....be glorified forever.. Let this word bear fruits in our heart in Jesus name Amen

## **MISTAKES OF RUTH**

**24/04/19**

**Della**

Dear father, we thank you for this day. We pray as we study your word this evening, open our hearts of understanding to listen and act accordingly. In Jesus name. AMEN!!

Today, we'd be studying the mistakes of Ruth.

I love the story of Ruth in the Old Testament because it's kind of controversial for me (especially the part she dressed up to meet him). Lol

Naomi and her husband and two sons were from Bethlehem. Because of a famine, they relocated to Moab, a neighboring country where there was food. While they were there, Naomi's husband died, and her two sons married women from Moab, one of whom was named Ruth. And then, within 10 years, both of Naomi's sons died.

Naomi and her daughters-in-law heard there was food again in Bethlehem, and Naomi decided to go back home. Her daughter-in-law Ruth insisted on going with Naomi and, despite Naomi's urging to stay in her own country, Ruth could not be convinced.

She said to her mother-in-law, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." (Ruth 1:16-17)

When Naomi got to her home town, she started to say she shouldn't be called Naomi but be called Mara.

I feel like Ruth did not have so much influence on Naomi as it were. They were both sorrowful, fine. But how much of comfort was she able to give her?

When someone is mourning over a thing, do you comfort the person or add pepper to it? What exactly do you count as your role in such instance.

As a child of God, when you hear a bad news about someone, do you dwell on it for them instead of comfort them instead?

And so, like Naomi was dwelling on a past, a Ruth is supposed to comfort her and give her scriptures to counter her reasons for getting weary.

A lot of people say that Ruth didn't have a mind of her own: she didn't like Boaz laikdat, it was just Naomi who was giving her the guide and stuff.

Who agrees or disagrees?

Also, I think she put all her eggs in one basket.

What if she followed Naomi and she got maltreated?

Or she became a slave in Bethlehem?

Or she never go a man to marry?

Or they got there and found no food?

The Bible never recorded that God instructed her to stay back so, how much of God's instructions do we carry before embarking on a journey or assignment?

Yes, we know it's ministry but has God sent you?

Has God given you a go ahead?

Did he give you the full details of what you're about to do?

No matter how minute, let God follow you on that journey.

Is it your business?

Has he approved of your getting a loan?

Did he give you that brand name?

Is God a stakeholder in your business or the CEO?

Think about it

1. She wasn't comforting enough.
2. She followed only instructions from Naomi.
3. She put her eggs in a basket.
4. Another mistake is that she broke the family circle.

The rule is that no one could marry from another tribe but due to the fact that she didn't inquire fully of the Lord.

If she had followed the tribe rule, she might have as well married someone from her tribe.

5. She was desperate abeg

If we want to hinge on 'He who finds a good wife, finds a good thing' and also the institution of marriage, her method was wrong.

She could have waited for him. At least he noticed her the first time and so it was so possible that he noticed her again but no, she went on the impulse of mama Naomi (again without consulting God).

She looked desperate per say.

Patience is a virtue especially in relationships.

If he has put you in a zone, just stay there. Don't be doing busy body and doing cooler ministry for him to notice you. Respect yasef.

**Question:** I thought she no longer has her own circle but the one of Naomi's family?

Boaz was an extended family member? The man that was meant to take her along with the land forged?

Can you explain a bit more?

Ema binu

Side note:

Have a mentor who is ready to help you go miles in spiritual growth and not just give you the fish. Let such person teach you how to fish.

More like, don't always listen to messages and read books, they can't do half of what studying the word yourself would do.

The whole of Naomi's family was from Bethlehem in Judah and Ruth was from Moab; she was a Moabite.

So, she married even her first husband outside her tribe.

**Contribution** : I think it's a good thing she did as far as the tribe is God's own. \*my\* \*opinion\* \*tho\* so I don't really think it's a mistake per se

[4/24, 20:27] BarrDella: Yes ma'am.

That's for now.

I'm talking of in those times. They followed the law, remember? They had laws that restricted them from getting married outside their tribe.

**Contribution**: I don't think this was a sign of desperation.

In those times, (based on my understanding of the scriptures), when a woman's husband died, it was the responsibility of the next of kin to take her as a wife so that the lineage of such person would go on and it wouldn't die.

What Naomi asked Ruth to do was a sign of respect for her dead husband and readiness to continue his lineage. She going to present herself to Boaz was a sign on his part to him to show that she was actually available and ready to continue what her husband couldn't finish. And that's why Boaz said she's virtuous and respectable cos she didn't go and give herself to anyother man but to the lineage of her husband (she actually had a choice to do so. And if that's what she did, then it could be termed a mistake)

Also, in those days, they didn't hear from God directly. God spoke through prophets etc.. and don't forget that Ruth only became an isrealite after she married Naomi's son and became a full one when she followed Naomi. Naomi was in this case like her "mentor" cos she was the only person that she knew was even a

little bit closer to God. The Moabites served smaller gods.. I stand to be corrected though but I don't see another way Ruth could have heard directly from God.

And this law was for Israelites.. it would have been the mistake of Ruth's husband to marry outside his tribe..

But since they were not in their home (they had relocated cos of famine), they married the people whom they had grown up with even though it wasn't their tribe

So if anyone made a mistake it would be Ruth's husband not Ruth. Ruth wasn't part of God's chosen people. She became part by virtue of marriage and by her decision to follow Naomi.

**Contribution:** I feel like Ruth did what she could do to comfort Naomi.... Following her to her home town to live with her so she wouldn't be alone was a great thing. Also, Ruth lost her husband too so she was also in mourning. But she didn't look only at her sorrow but thought also of her mother in law