

Part 1- Ruth, a Faithful Widow

Insights From Ruth's Life:

1. Every story of a TRULY great person reveals God doing an act of REDEMPTION.
2. Ruth's story POINTS us to God's upper story.

Elimelek. Naomi's husband; name means "my God is king."

Mahlon (wasting away) and **Kilion** (sickly). Sons of Elimelek and Naomi.

Naomi. Ruth's mother-in-law; adopts the name "Mara" ("bitter"); name means "beautiful."

Ruth. Naomi's daughter in law, widow of Mahlon. Her name means compassion or friend.

3. Faithfulness brings BLESSINGS. (Ruth 1:16-17)

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

Boaz. A member of the same clan as Naomi's husband; described as a "worthy man" or "man of valor," perhaps indicating fighting prowess and riches; provides for and eventually marries Ruth; name means "strength."

He is also a kinsman-redeemer, or go'el. Such a man has 3 roles:

1. To redeem property and/or relatives.
2. To provide an heir through marriage.
3. To avenge the unlawful death of a family member.

4. HUMILITY leads to greatness. (Ruth 3:8-11, Ruth 4:14-17)

Our God pleasing DECISION today can lead to a BLESSED AND GODLY future.