

RESOLUTE FAITH

Ruth 1:1 – 2:23

Key verse 1:16

“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.”

1. What were those times like? (1; Judges 21:25) What kind of hardship came upon Naomi and her family? (1:2-5) What did Naomi think was best for the family? (6-15) What crossroads may you be facing in life?
2. What was Ruth’s decision? (16-18) How does this show her faithfulness? What does this show about her relationship with God and God’s people? What was Naomi’s outlook on life at the moment? (19-22)
3. Who is Boaz and how did he come to know about Ruth? (2:1-7) How was Ruth being richly rewarded for her decision? (8-18; cf. Lev. 23:22) Why? (Think about Ruth’s godly character.) How can we take refuge in God and his kindness?
4. What did Naomi realise after Ruth’s report? (19-20) What shows the change in her heart? What is a guardian redeemer? (Lev 25:25-55) How was their difficult situation changing?