

# THE STORY



## THE FAITH OF A FOREIGN WOMAN

Ruth 1-4

### THE SET UP

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there was \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.*

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Ruth 1:16

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### MARRIAGE & FAMILY (Ruth 4)

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*This week is our last week to gather for this quarter's Growth Groups. We hope you have found your time to be spiritually and relationally encouraging! We'll take a three-week break, and then begin a new six-week session which will run the weeks of May 1 – June 4. Please let your Growth Group Guide know your plans for this next session. If you have not participated in a Growth Group, now is the time to sign up!*

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## Chapter 9: The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Sermon on April 3, 2022

Introductory Video Link: [https://bit.ly/Ch9\\_Ruth](https://bit.ly/Ch9_Ruth)

### Getting to Know Me

1. What is something your group would not guess about you?
2. What is your Jesus story? When, why, and how did you come to know and follow Him?

### Digging Deeper

3. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
4. Looking back at your sermon notes, re-tell the story of Ruth in your own words. What is the significance of the theme verse: Ruth 1:16?
5. Read Judges 21:25 & Ruth 1:1. Ruth lived in Moab during a really chaotic time. Did where she came from define her? Does your past have to define you or determine your future? Why or why not?
6. What admirable character traits do we see in Boaz and Ruth? Have people of admirable character impacted your life? How?

7. What does this story demonstrate about God's view of:
  - a. The Marginalized
  - b. Nations and Nationalities other than our own
  - c. Women
  - d. Human Character
8. Who are the marginalized in our society & how do we tend to treat them? Do we live out the Great Commission or the Golden Rule to the marginalized communities around us?
9. Read Ruth 1:20-21. Why was Naomi bitter? Should she have been? Are there situations in your life that cause you to be bitter? By the end of Ruth, Naomi takes her own name back (which means *Pleasant*). What does Naomi's story teach you?
10. If "all of scripture whispers Jesus's name," where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of *The Story*?
11. Read together Matthew 1:1-6. Why do you think God chose Rahab and Ruth to be part of the lineage of Jesus? What else do you notice about the names in the Messiah's family line?

### Where Do I Go from Here?

12. When you think about the character of Ruth and Boaz, are there areas in your life you need to grow a more noble character?
13. Naomi discipled Ruth. Who are you discipling? Is God calling you to a mentor relationship with someone or in some ministry (Children or Youth, etc.)?

### Prayer

Praise God that He sees the marginalized and lifts them up for His glory!

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