

Communion Meditation

Ruth 1.6-14

Series: Ruth "Different Paths"

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Naomi's Sad Tale

- Famine in Israel ~ Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, Chilion go to Moab
 - Elimelech dies ~ Sons marry Ruth and Orpah ~ Sons die

Naomi Seeks Isolation

- v6 ~ "she arose with her daughters-in-law"
- v7 ~ "she went out .. and her daughters-in-law with her"
 - Your heart goes out to these 3 women / Naomi distances herself
- v8 ~ "Go, return each to her mother's house" / everyone to return
- v9 ~ "The LORD grant that you may rest .. house of her husband"
 - But for Naomi .. "NO rest .. NO house .. NO husband"

Naomi's Limited Vision

- v10 ~ "Surely we will return with you" / women are faithful to Naomi
- v11 ~ "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me?"
- v12 ~ "Turn back, my daughters, go – I am too old"
 - Naomi is pushing them away / for their own good
- v13 ~ "it grieves me .. for your sakes .. hand of the LORD .. against me"

Daughters-in-Law Decide Differently

- **Read v14** ~ "Then they lifted .. Ruth clung to her"
 - Until now nothing differentiates them / mystery of belief ~ of faith
- PAIRS ~ Cain / Abel ~ Jacob / Esau ~ 2 thieves on cross
 - What separates Orpah and Ruth are eyes of faith / acts of faith

Naomi, Orpah, Ruth ~ All experience loss & face great difficulty

All people experience such things

What's different is how we respond

Will we respond in faith – trusting God?