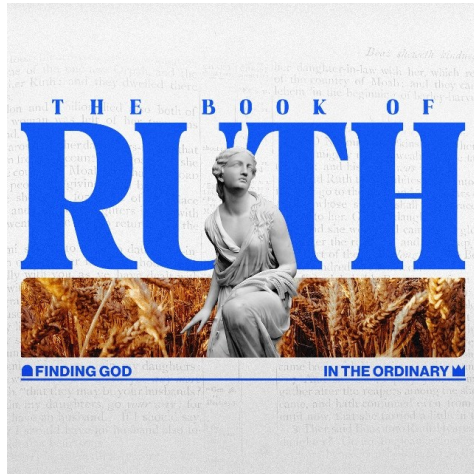


The Book of Ruth



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Part 1:

When It's Time to Walk Away

In the days when the judges ruled ... (Ruth 1:1)

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. (Judges 21:25)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. (Ruth 1:1)

- Elimelech – “My God is King.”
- Naomi – “Sweet” or “Pleasant.”
- Mahlon – “Sick” or “Sickly.”
- Kilion – “Tired” or “Frail.”

When times get _____, Moab looks _____.

Now, Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite woman, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons.
(Ruth 1:3-5)

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 my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)

To get to _____, you have to leave _____.

Is there some part of your life that is still in Moab?

What one decision could you make, what one action could you take, that would change the trajectory of your life and legacy?