

# Ruth

The Incredible Journey Of Faith, Love, Redemption and Hope

## A Tale Of Three Widows

### Introduction:

- This morning we will learn the tale of three widows who were at a critical point of decision in their lives when it came to going to Judah – the land of God’s promise and blessing – or not.
- But this story is more than just a story. There is a much deeper picture here. It is also a metaphor of the reality that each one of us must answer the question that Pilate posed to an angry crowd 2,000 years ago: “What shall I do with Jesus?” (Matthew 27:22)

### Like Orpah, I can decide to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye...*

Ruth 1:14

Orpah reminds us of those who truly and earnestly “seek God” by coming to church, investigating the claims of Christ, but in the end, depart back to their old life, old religion and old ways.

Whose “fault” is it when a seeker stops seeking?

If all \_\_\_\_\_ knows about God is what they see in me, is my life a compelling enough witness to make them want to give their life to Jesus?

God knows there is no way for me to get from point A to point B in His purpose, apart from something happening in me.

*That something is described by one word in the Bible and one word only. It’s the word*

\_\_\_\_\_.

– Jack Hayford

### Like Ruth, I can decide to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Where you go I will go...Your people will be my people and your God my God... (v.16)*

Everything changes when you place your life at the \_\_\_\_\_.

II Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:6

Luke 4:18

### Like Naomi, I can decide to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Naomi...prepared to return home...and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. (v. 6,7)*

To her credit, Naomi became “blessable” because she returned to the place of blessing.

### Naomi’s Theology: Right and Wrong

God \_\_\_\_\_.

God rules over all the affairs of \_\_\_\_\_.

God’s Providence is sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.

But in the end, His purposes are for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of His people.

### Conclusion:

Today, God is calling you to “set out on the road that will take you back to Judah.” But you must make a decision. You must decide to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ from Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.