

**A Mother's Legacy**  
**Rescued – Part 2**  
Life Church St. Louis – May 13, 2018  
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

*John 16:21 (ESV) When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*

*Judges 21:25b – Ruth 1:1a (ESV) Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. ... In the days when the judges ruled ...*

*Romans 11:5 (ESV) So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ in difficulty**

*Ruth 1:1a (ESV) In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land,*

**1A. Strength in \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ruth 1:1-2 (ESV) ... and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. ...*

**1B. Strength in \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ruth 1:3-5 (ESV) But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.*

**2. Sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ruth 1:6-7 (ESV) Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.*

**2A. \_\_\_\_\_ of blessing**

*Ruth 1:8-9 (ESV) But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.*

**2B. Putting others \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ruth 1:10-11 (ESV) And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ in God**

**3A. Passed on to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ruth 1:14-17 (ESV) ... And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ... Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried ...*

**3B. \_\_\_\_\_ by others**

*Ruth 1:19-20 (ESV) So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.*

**3C. \_\_\_\_\_ by God**

*Ruth 1:22 (ESV) So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Invite a friend for our series **Rescued – Book of Ruth** next Sunday.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# A Mother's Legacy Study Guide

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Intro. What does the process of motherhood tell us about life (John 16:21)?

What about your mother are you grateful to God for?

What is wrong with relative truth where everyone does what is right on their own eyes (Judges 21:25)?

Why is it difficult to be part of the remnant in a godless society (Romans 11:5)?

1A. Knowing the spiritual cycles in Judges, what was the probable cause of the famine (Ruth 1:1, Deuteronomy 32:24)?

1B. What was wrong with Elimelech moving to the country of Moab (Ruth 1:1-2)?

1C. What was wrong with Naomi's sons marrying Moabite wives (Ruth 1:3-5)? What was the result of the men doing what was right in their own eyes?

1D. Describe how you think these events impacted Naomi. How would you have reacted?

2A. What does it tell you about Naomi, that her daughters-in-law chose to go with her to Judah (Ruth 1:6-7)?

2B. What do Naomi's blessing of her daughters-in-law tell you about her faith (Ruth 1:8-9)? Why did Naomi encourage them to return to Moab (Ruth 1:10-11)?

2C. In what ways does God call us to put others first in our lives (Philippians 2:3-4)?

3A. How do you think that Naomi passed her faith on to Ruth (Ruth 1:14-17)?

3B. What do you think that Naomi was feeling on her return to Judah (Ruth 1:19-20)?

3C. What was Naomi missing about God's hand in her life (Ruth 1:22)?

3D. What do we often miss about God in our difficult times?