

Family: No Matter What

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Part 4: Still Waiting

A man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him.... And when they reached Moab, they settled there. (Ruth 1:1-2 New Living Translation 2)

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Both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband. (Ruth 1:5 NLT2)

Then Naomi heard... that the LORD had blessed his people in Judah by giving them good crops again. So Naomi and her daughters-in-law.... set out from the place where she had been living, and they took the road that would lead them back to Judah. (Ruth 1:6-7 NLT2)

1. Come back home to Jesus!

Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. (Ruth 1:16-17 NLT2)

2. Leave behind the baggage of past failures.

3. Find someone to hold onto.

They wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi. 'Look,' Naomi said to her, 'your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same.' But Ruth replied, 'Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go!' (Ruth 1:14-16 NLT2)

One day Ruth... said to Naomi, 'Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain'.... Naomi replied, 'All right, my daughter, go ahead.' So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz. (Ruth 2:2-3 NLT2)

My daughter.... Boaz.... [has] been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. Now do as I tell you—take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes. Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. (Ruth 3:1-3 NLT2)

4. Invite godly people into your dating relationship.

He gave me these six scoops of barley and said, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.' Then Naomi said to her, 'Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens.' (Ruth 3:16-18, NLT2)

5. Become the person, that the person you are looking for...is looking for.

6. Expect blessings!

Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife....the LORD enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son.... they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. (Ruth 4:13, 16, 17 NLT2)

Salmon was the father of Boaz. Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). (Matthew 1:5 NLT2)