

Ruth Handout Week Three

Elimelech's mistakes

1. He

2. He Mat. 18:12

3. He

Warning signs of Moab

-Started with

-Harassed

Deut. 23:3

-More harassment Jdg. 3:12

4. He

And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. 2 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, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. 4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

The structure of the story tells us something. 2 Cor. 4:16
"is producing"

Why not Moabite women?

2 Cor. 6:14

The names: Orpah

Ruth

V. 5 _____

The symbolism of the bigger story—

6 Then she arose (qum) with her daughters-in-law that she might return (shub) from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had visited (paqad) His people in giving them food.

Food?

Arose qum Mk. 5:35

Arose and returned

Lk. 15:11

7 So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return (shub) to the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return (shub) 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.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, *return* each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD (Yahweh) deal kindly (chesed) with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "No, but we will surely *return* with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "*Return*, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 *Return*, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons, 13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you, for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me." 14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

Naomi's character: Parsing the unspoken

Naomi's pain:

"Have I yet sons in my womb"

"If I have hope"

"It is harder for me than for you"

"For the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me."

Naomi's theology: Bitter brilliance

-She knows	paqad	Jn. 7:15	Jn.6:51
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-She knows	chesed	
Eph. 2:12	Gen. 12:1	Isa. 49:6
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-She believes

v. 8 "deal kindly, as you have dealt with the dead and with me."	Mat. 25:37
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v. 9 "May the LORD grant that you may find rest"	menuchah
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The partial flaw in her theology

Can we blame her?

v. 13 it is harder (bitter) for me than for you, for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me.

v. 20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty (Shaddai) has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

Yad Yahweh. Ps. 19:1, Isa. 64:8, Isa. 41:10, Ex. 13:3, Deut. 32:41, Dan. 4:35, Job 12:9, Prov. 21:1,

Dan. 5:22, What is our response? 1 Pt. 5:6 Where is Jesus? Acts 5:31

How did Jesus get there? Isa. 51:22, Mat. 26:39