

Communion Meditation

Ruth 1.15-18

Series: Ruth "Fierce Loyalty"

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v15 ~ Orpah Returns to Her People and Gods

- Naomi urged them to "Go, return .. Turn back .. Turn back .."
- She again commands Ruth "return after your sister-in-law"

v16 ~ Ruth Pleads with Naomi

- "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following you"
 - v6 ~ "she arose with her" / v7 ~ "she went out .. with her"
 - Perhaps Orpah & Ruth were following already – not with
- Naomi is distancing herself from them – Orpah leaves / Ruth doesn't
- "Wherever you go .. lodge .. people .. God"

v17 ~ Ruth Vows Persistence

- "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried"
 - Ruth is Naomi's / She's promising to never leave her
- "The Lord do so to me .. if anything but death parts .. "
- What end is Ruth inviting if she breaks this bond?
 - She's inviting God to take her life (and more) ..

v18 ~ Naomi Relents

- "[Naomi] stops speaking to her"
 - Is Naomi upset? / Maybe, but next verse "the two of them went"

Ruth's Commitment to God

- Ruth married into more than a family / a people – religion - God
 - In v17 Ruth calls upon Jehovah – the name of the Hebrew God
- **Read Gen 22.5-8** ~ Parallel with Abraham and Isaac
 - Isaac went with his father willingly / Ruth did too

Peter's response – "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?"

Job's proclamation – "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him!"

Orpah, Naomi, and Ruth represent all people / Which are you?

Unbelievers – Old Believers – New Believers