

RUTH

God uses an outsider to bring restoration

Ruth is from Moab and marries into an Israelite family. When her husband dies, she chooses to follow her mother-in-law back to Israel, telling her, “Your people will become my people and your God will be my God.” The two impoverished women go about the everyday tasks of living, only to discover God at work on their behalf. Ruth meets Boaz, a good man who is faithful to God. He sees past Ruth’s identity as an outsider and is amazed by her character; he marries her. In the final line of the book, it’s revealed that God’s great plan for rescuing the world has been moved forward in the ordinary but faithful lives of these seemingly insignificant people: Ruth and Boaz are the great-grandparents of King David.

“The book of Ruth makes it possible for each of us to understand ourselves, however ordinary or “out of it,” as irreplaceable in the full telling of God’s story. We count—every last one of us—and what we do counts.”

Eugene Peterson, *The Message*.

KEY VERSE

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Ruth 1:16-17

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THE BIG STORY



CREATION



REBELLION



COVENANT



HOMELAND



KINGDOM



EXILE



RETURN



JESUS



CHURCH



FUTURE



“Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. (Ruth 2:23)

Artist: Emily King

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