

The Book of Ruth—1 **When It's Time to Walk Away**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Ruth 1:1-2 NIV

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Judges 21:25 NLT

- **Elimelech: my God is king**
- **Naomi: sweet, pleasant**
- **Mahlon: sick, sickly**
- **Kilion: frail, tired**

“Moab is my washbasin ...” Psalm 60:8 NIV

When times get tough, Moab looks tempting.

Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. Ruth 1:3-5 NIV

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. ... 2 Corinthians 6:14 ESV

But Ruth replied, “Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16 NIV

To get to the right place, you have to leave the wrong one.

What one decision could you make; what one action can you take that would change the trajectory of your life and legacy?

TALK IT OVER

Read **Judges 21:25**. What are some dangers that come with doing what's “right in [our] own eyes”? How can you practice looking to God for wisdom?

When times get tough, it can be tempting to question God and take control of our situations. Share about a time when you were tempted to control your situation without God. What was the outcome, and what did you learn?

Is there an area of your life that you need to surrender to God? Talk about this with your LifeGroup.

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