

🌾 The Book of Ruth 🌾

Part 1 :: Ruth 1:1-6

People far from God matter to God

A theme throughout the entire book but also the Bible.

🌸🙌 God is on a rescue mission for the entire world!

🔥 The path you are set on is not the path you stay on.

⚠️🌟 this is amazing to some, but a warning to others!

Ruth happens during the middle of the book of Judges - this happens during a terrible time of leadership (pattern of following God vs not following God, marrying pagans, the people of God are more concerned about meeting up to the culture than to God)

⚠️ When the people of God are not set apart the forces of darkness are able to be set free.

📖 Judges 21:25

We live in this culture now, everyone doing what they think is right in their own eyes.

🌸🔥 Culture does affect the church but the church doesn't have to move in the direction of culture.

We can stand in opposition and radically stand for the cross.

Names have significance

Bethlehem - house of bread 🍞 during this time there is no bread...

Elimelech - my God is King

Naomi - sweetness

Mahlon - sickly

Kilion - dying

Moab started with incest, they worship a pagan god, human sacrifice runs rampant

Elimelech sees things through, profit and taking care of his kids... he settled in Moab, it was an easy decision - we can relate to him, right?!

⚠️ Most of the time the wrong decisions are the easiest to make. ⚠️

Elimelech will praise God until he needs to take control - when there is no bread in the house you have to cling to the bread of life

⚠️🔥 His logical decision is actually spiritual suicide for his family

!!🚨 A father's compromise turned into a family's compromise.

God is the capital H hero of this story

Judah means praise

It is extremely difficult to return to praise when there is nothing to praise.

There is still time to return to praise

The prodigals advantage is that he knows how to come back!!!!