

The Gospel
According to

Ruth



STUDY GUIDE

PART 1: HOW DO I LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD?

Ruth 1:1–7



MAIN IDEA

When our world falls apart, God invites us to live in hope. Naomi's story reminds us that God is not finished writing our story.



SCRIPTURE

"The LORD had come to the aid of his people by giving them food." So Naomi with her daughters-in-law prepared to return home."

– *Ruth 1:6*



PRAYER

Lord when life feels broken beyond repair, remind me that You come to the aid of your people. Help me to live in hope. Amen.

OVERVIEW

Ruth 1 introduces us to Naomi—a woman whose life has been shattered by loss. Yet even in her deepest brokenness, she hears that God is still at work. This passage invites us to respond to God's faithfulness with hope, belonging, and action.

KEY POINTS

1 DARE TO BELIEVE: GOD IS STILL AT WORK.

Ruth 1:6

Hope often begins with hearing before seeing. We believe God is active even when our circumstances haven't changed.

2 DARE TO BELONG: COME HOME.

Ruth 1:6

Naomi turns back toward God's people and His promises. Brokenness tempts us to isolate, but God invites us back into community.

3 DARE TO BEGIN: TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

Ruth 1:7

Naomi doesn't know the ending, but she takes one faithful step forward. God often reveals the next chapter only after we begin.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1 What losses or broken places do you relate to in Naomi's story? How does she respond?
- 2 What does it mean to "believe" that God is still at work when you can't see it?
- 3 How can you take one faithful step this week toward hope, belonging, or beginning?