

The Gospel
According to

Ruth



STUDY GUIDE

PART 2: HOW DO I MAKE MY BIGGEST DECISIONS?

Ruth 1:6–18



MAIN IDEA

Ruth's life-changing decision teaches us how to make our biggest decisions our best decisions by seeking God, choosing commitment, and trusting His direction.



SCRIPTURE

"But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.'"

— *Ruth 1:16*



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

Naomi urges her daughters-in-law to return to Moab and rebuild their lives. Orpah goes back, but Ruth makes a bold, faith-filled decision to stay with Naomi and follow the God of Israel. Her decision models how we can make our biggest decisions our best decisions.

KEY POINTS

1

CLING TO WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.

Ruth 1:6–9

Orpah and Ruth faced the same decision and the same uncertainties. Orpah returned to Moab, never to be heard from again. Ruth clung to Naomi who led her to a new life.

2

DON'T BE QUICKLY SWAYED BY ARGUMENT OR EMOTION.

Ruth 1:10–14

Ruth chose to remain with Naomi in a face of arguments to the contrary and strong emotion. Keeping the commitments God has entrusted to us won't always make sense or feel good.

3

SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL AND TRUST HIS WAYS.

Ruth 1:15–18

All Ruth knew when she left Moab was that God had given her Naomi to care for. When we submit to the assignments He gives us, we can leave other considerations in God's hands.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1

Is there something God is calling you to believe, trust or obey as you consider this story?

2

What top priority must you "cling to" to remain faithful to what God has entrusted to you?