

Ruth #2: Chicken or the Egg

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Theme Verse

Judges 21:25(NKJV) In those days there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

Scripture

Ruth 1:8-22(NKJV) ⁸And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? *Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?* ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, *if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,* ¹³would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the **hand of the Lord has gone out against me!**" ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth **clung to her.**¹⁵ And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
 For wherever you go, I will go;
 And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
 Your people *shall be* my people,
 And your God, my God.
¹⁷Where you die, I will die,
 And there will I be buried.
 The Lord do so to me, and more also,
 If *anything but* death parts you and me."

¹⁸When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.¹⁹ Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "*Is this Naomi?*"²⁰ But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹I went out **full**, and the Lord has brought me home again **empty**. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?" ²²So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.