

Love Story  
Ruth 1:14-18  
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### **Judges 21:25 (ESV)**

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

In the middle of the chaos, corruption, and disruption of sin, God's love will always find a way to shine through it all!

### **Ruth 1:1–4 (NASB95)**

1 Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. 4 They took for themselves Moabite women *as* wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

### **Ruth 1:16–17 (NASB95)**

16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God. 17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if *anything but* death parts you and me."

### **Ruth 2:1–13 (NASB95)**

1 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the Lord be with you." And they said to him, "May the Lord bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 The servant in charge of the reapers replied, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab. 7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter.

Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids. 9 “Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.” 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” 11 Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. 12 “May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.” 13 Then she said, “I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants.”

**Ruth 1:14-17:** The love story within the love story!

**Ruth makes a firm decision to leave her old life and cleave to a new life!**

**(Luke 9:57-62)**

**Ruth 1:14 (NASB95)**

14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

**Ruth came to know the God of Israel by observing his people and identifying herself with them.**

**Ruth 1:16b (NASB95)**

. . . Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.

**Exodus 6:7 (NASB95)**

Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God

**Leviticus 26:12 (NASB95)**

I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

**Ruth expressed an all-encompassing devotion. Ruth was seeking refuge in God.**

**Ruth 2:12 (NASB95)**

12 “May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”