

**“WHEN LIFE IS DIFFICULT, GOD IS STILL WORKING”  
(Ruth 1:1-5) pt 2**

Luke 15

- What have we seen so far in the book of Ruth? (Review)

**I. RUTH DECIDING ... to remain with Naomi..... [WEEPING]... (1)**

**A. Elimelech's Decision To Go To \_\_\_\_\_ and Its \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-5)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_. (1:1a)

a. This story begins *during* the days of the \_\_\_\_\_.

b. This story *occurs* during a \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.

2. Their *move* to \_\_\_\_\_. (1:1b-2b)

a. A Jewish family traveled from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ prompted by famine in the land.

- There is always \_\_\_\_\_ for the prodigal in the \_\_\_\_\_!

- What does this move to Moab indicate?

- What did Elimelech plan to do there?

- What should husbands/fathers take to heart from this example?

b. *This Jewish family consisted of ... a dad* named ELIMELECH (which means \_\_\_\_\_),  
*a wife* named NAOMI (which means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_), and *two sons* named  
MAHLON (which means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_) and CHILION (which means \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_).

- What lessons can you learn from this?

1) When difficulties come, & they will, you can either \_\_\_\_\_ as  
promised, or you can \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ from your problems.

- What should always be the daily bottom-line perspective in your Christian walk?

- What do you still take with you wherever you go?

2) When difficulties & trials come, what you really \_\_\_\_\_ surfaces to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- In what ways does this reflect itself??

3. Their \_\_\_\_\_ in Moab. (1:2c-4)

a. They not only *entered Moab* but they \_\_\_\_\_ there for about \_\_\_\_\_.

b. They not only *remained there*, but Elimelech \_\_\_\_\_ there.

- While seeking escape from the situation in Canaan, what did he find in Moab?
- Did he live up to his name? (*God is King*)

c. Elimelech not only *died there*, but his two sons \_\_\_\_\_ there.

- Who were these women? Vs 4

\* What lessons can you learn from this?

1) You will \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_, though there is usually a \_\_\_\_\_ delay to the reaping.  
(Gal.6:7-9)

2) Your backsliding/carnality not only effects \_\_\_\_\_, but it also effects \_\_\_\_\_ close to you.

3) It is never God's perfect will for a \_\_\_\_\_ to marry an \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor.6:14)

\* The Qualities of a 4 - D person:

4) As a parent, your children may choose to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ against their godly upbringing. (Prov.17:25; 19:26)

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Moab. (1:5)

a. *While in Moab*, Naomi became a \_\_\_\_\_.

- What did this mean to her personally?
- Does God care about the needs of widows?

b. While Naomi was a *widow*, Orpah and Ruth also became \_\_\_\_\_ who were \_\_\_\_\_.

- What lessons can you learn from this?

- What if you fail to learn these lessons?