

Decisions, Decisions!

Ruth 1

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I. A _____ Choice (vv. 1–2)

Ruth 1:1–2

It is very possible Elimelech's motive was pure... there was a famine in the land. Having said that, I wonder... did Elimelech consider...

A. The _____ to His Family

Moab was a land whose god was Chemosh... it was known that infants were sacrificed to this false god.

- A false god would lead to a different morality
- Right and wrong become subjective
- Society as a whole is permissive

B. The _____ to the Father

Deuteronomy 7:3–4

Joshua 23:11–13

II. A _____ Choice

A. The _____ of their Sojourning (vv. 1–2)

“Continued there” – to become like, to be established. It was home!

Elimelech intended on it being a temporary situation and it became a lasting condition where they raised a family.

B. The _____ of their Situation (vv. 3–4)

For the Bible believer, we know that God warns repeatedly about this!

Ruth 1:5

Ruth 1:16

Ruth 1:20 ...*Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.*

Naomi has hit rock bottom... certainly we are a product of our choices.

III. A _____ Christ

God can extend Redemptive Grace and redeem a situation after a series of bad choices!

Ruth is listed in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

A. Redemptive Grace Allows you to _____

Bad choices don't have to be the end.

B. Redemptive Grace Allows you to be _____

Forgiveness and redemption does not justify your bad decisions.

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

“All things” – even our bad choices... God in His sovereignty is positioning things for our good, if we will simply return to Him and trust Him!

C. Redemptive Grace Allows you to _____

We don't have to be defined by the choices of our past.

1 John 1:9

Hebrews 10:17 *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

MY NOTES
