

Ruth 1:8-9, 14-18

⁸And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

¹⁴And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷Where 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." ¹⁸When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

SERMON NOTES

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Orpah's Mistake

Ruth 1, 8-9, 14-18

"Tell the sons of Israel to go forward." (Exodus 14:15)

"Narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7:14)

3 Women making spiritual choices

Dangers, toils and snares. It will not be easy.

Naomi is a discouraged believer.

- Back (Orpah)

Hebrews 2:1-3

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*. ²For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

- Forward (Ruth)

Matthew 9:22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well."

- Back/Forward (Naomi)

Ruth 4:17 The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.