

“God is Present in Even the Most Minor Story”

Ruth 1:1-5, Unlocking the Old Testament

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Ruth 1:1-5 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and 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; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

1. Background and overview of the story of Ruth

2. Ruth acted with kindness and integrity

3. When we are faithful to God, He brings his provision and protection

4. The deepest level to the story of Ruth is her connection with Jesus.