

The Book of Ruth

Chapter 1

In the days of the judges, there was famine in the land.
Because of the famine,
a man from Bethlehem named Elimelech moved to Moab.

Elimelech took with him his wife Naomi and his two sons.

Elimelech died.
The two sons married Moabite women: Orpah and Ruth.
But then the two sons also died.

Naomi was heart-broken.
She had lost her husband and two sons.

She decided to return to Bethlehem and
told her daughters-in-law to go back to their own homes.

Orpah went back to her people.
But Ruth with great loyalty and love
chose to go with Naomi.

Ruth said:
"Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you live, I will live.
Your people shall be my people.
Your God shall be my God.
Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried."

Dear God, in time of trouble,
please help people to be loyal and kind to each other