

# Ruth 1 Bible Study Questions – A Lesson on Returning to God

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## Outline:

- I. The background (1-5)
- II. Orpah leaves, but Ruth stays (6-15)
- III. Ruth expresses her loyalty (16-18)
- IV. Naomi is bitter (19-21)

## Discussion Questions

- What was Israel like when the judges ruled?
- On what basis did the people generally make decisions (Judges 21:25)?
- How do we see this same decision-making process with Elimelech?
- Do you think it was the right choice for them to move to Moab? Why or why not?
- What kind of temptations might they face in this foreign country?
- What was their motivation to leave? Is this reasonable?
- How should a person ascertain God's will?
- What was the result of this decision for the family? Considering they left because of the famine (for health reasons), was their decision effective?