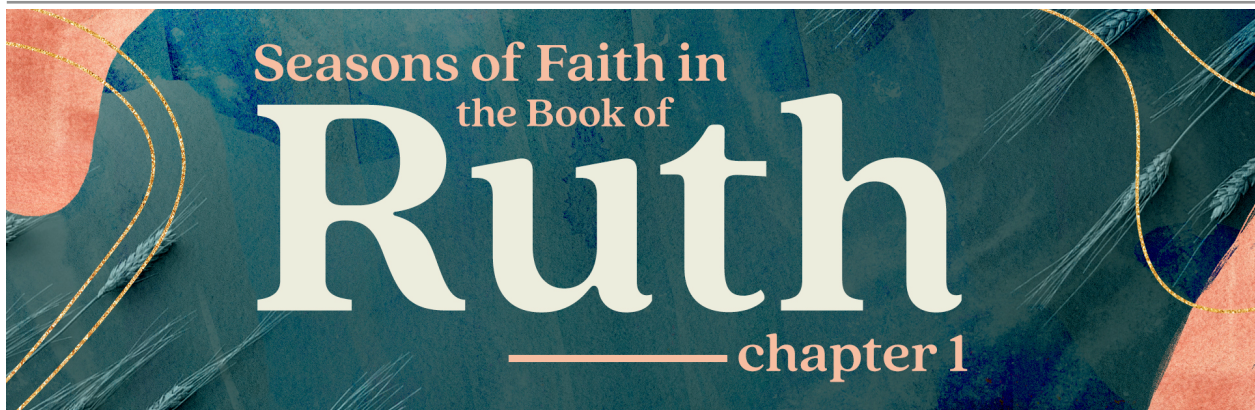




Ruth documents events from 3,000+ years ago during the time of the _____ in Israel (1400-1000 BC; [Judg 21:25](#)). The book revolves around three main characters:

- ◆ _____ - an Israelite from Bethlehem who loses her husband and two sons
- ◆ _____ - a young Moabite woman who was married to one of Naomi's sons
- ◆ _____ - a relative of Naomi and descendant of Rahab ([Matt 1:5](#))

Ruth 1:

- ◆ A "season" of _____ in the life of Naomi ([1:1-5](#))
- ◆ Naomi's belief that "the hand of the LORD has gone out _____ me" ([1:6-15](#))
- ◆ The extraordinary _____ of Ruth ([1:16-18](#))
- ◆ _____ on the horizon ([1:19-22](#))

Takeaways for Today from Ruth 1:

- ◆ Embittered _____ can easily become _____ ([4:13-17](#)).
- ◆ God has not promised that believers will be immune to _____ ([Psa 34:19](#); [Acts 14:22](#); [1 Pet 4:19](#)).
- ◆ Even in the darkest of times, the LORD was _____ ([1:1](#); [Gen 50:20](#)); we only recognize it with a great deal of hindsight ([Matt 1:1-5](#)).
- ◆ Ruth may have only been in the "Spring" of her faith, but she made an immeasurable _____ in the life of Naomi. Whatever the "season," people with [Micah 6:8](#)-_____ continue to be used by God in profound, beautiful ways.