

LOYALTY

Ruth is Loyal and Stays With Naomi

Taken from: Ruth 1:1-22

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem (his name was Elimelech) in Judah, together with his wife, Naomi and two sons, went to live for awhile in the country of Moab..

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one name Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion (Naomi's sons) also died. Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

When she heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters."

At this they wept again. The Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her.

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. God back with her."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you will go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

WHAT IS BEING LOYAL?

BEING LOYAL IS.....standing up for a friend or for what you believe even when it is hard to do so.

I think being loyal can also mean _____

Put a check mark on the line if you think the statement is telling about being loyal.

BEING LOYAL IS.....

YES

NO

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| _____ | _____ | walking away from your friends when they call you to help. |
| _____ | _____ | speaking up for friends when they are being teased. |
| _____ | _____ | saying you don't go to church when you really do go. |
| _____ | _____ | telling someone that you believe Jesus is the Son of God. |

Being loyal is important to me.

When I stand up for a friend and stay true to what I believe even when it is hard, then being loyal becomes one of my values.

Use these words to finish the sentences about Ruth. Some words may be used twice.

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- 1, Ruth was _____ to Naomi.
2. Ruth wanted to _____ where Naomi was going to _____ and to _____ where Naomi would _____.
3. Ruth said that Naomi's _____ would be her _____.
4. Ruth decided to serve and believe in Naomi's _____.



RUTH

Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, returned to Judah when the famine in their country ended. Ruth went into the harvest field to gather grain. The field belonged to a rich man named Boaz.

RUTH - Chapter 2; Verses 1-2