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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN GOD'S STORY?

Yesterday we talked about one woman who was important in the story of Jesus: Rahab. Today, we're talking about another one.

The people that descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were called the Israelites in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, they were called Jews. The woman in our story today, Ruth was not a part of this family. She lived in a country called Moab. She married her husband, who was an Israelite, when his family moved to her country from Bethlehem. Sadly, her husband got sick and died. So did his brother and his father. After their deaths, her husband's mother, Naomi wanted to return to Bethlehem in her own country. Ruth decided to go with her and so did her sister-in-law.

Naomi did not think that the other two women should go with her. She didn't want them to leave their own country and come to hers. She was so sad about her husband dying and both of her sons dying that she felt like God had forgotten all about her. But Ruth didn't give up very easily.

BIBLE READING

Ruth 1:15-17

Ruth did go with Naomi back to her land. But neither of them had a husband to help provide food and a place to live, so their lives were very hard. One day, during the harvest time, Ruth went to work in the field of a man named Boaz. She was picking up the little droppings of wheat that his workers left behind. Boaz was kind to Ruth.

Ruth 2:10-13

WHAT DO THOSE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD?

Boaz said the Lord should reward Ruth for her kindness to Naomi. He did! God took care of Ruth and Naomi by putting Boaz in their lives. Ruth married Boaz and they had a child together. A boy named Obed. And Naomi helped Ruth to care for her little boy. Ruth and Naomi went from being sad and having no family, to having a family! How good God was to them!

God did more than just make them into a family. Like Rahab, Ruth became important in the story of Jesus. She's mentioned in the same verse in Matthew that we read yesterday - Matthew 1:5. To most people, Ruth probably didn't look like someone who would be important in God's plan, she was a

poor foreigner with no husband, but she put her faith in God and God cared for her so much that she is remembered many, many, many years later when people tell the story of Jesus and his family!

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for taking care of Ruth. And thank you for taking care of me! In Jesus name, Amen.



