

ROAD TRIP DEVOTIONAL

WEEK 9



Ruth 1:1-7

“In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she 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.

The life of the godly is not a straight line to glory, but the godly do get there. The life of the godly is not like an Interstate through Nebraska, but more like a road trip on a state road through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. There are rockslides and cliffs and dark mists and bears and slippery curves and hairpin turns that make you go backwards in order to go forwards. But all along this hazardous, twisted road that doesn’t let you see very far ahead there are frequent signs that say, “The best is yet to come.” And at the bottom right corner written with an unmistakable hand are the words, “As I live, says the Lord!”

The book of Ruth is one of those signs on a road trip for you to read. It was written, and it has been preached to give you some midsummer encouragement and hope that all the perplexing turns in your life lately are not dead-end streets. In all the setbacks of your life as a believer, God is plotting for your joy. One of my all-time favorite promises for God’s people is found in Romans 8:28:



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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

The book of Ruth is set in the dark times of the judges. It stands as a bright spot—a welcome rest stop—during some otherwise troubled times. Yet it isn't without its own share of grief, sadness, loss, difficulty, and struggle. Through it all though, God is weaving His story of redemption and love into their lives.

God is still in the business of redemption! No matter what wrongs have been done by or to you, God can redeem you from anything and everything in your life. Of this you can be sure!



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The Prayer

TLord, as we journey on our road trips may we remember no matter what our setbacks might be along the way you are still on the throne. You are our Redeemer and we know without a shadow of doubt - Our Redeemer Lives! Amen

1. Where are you on your journey?

2. Have you wandered far from God in search of something more, something better?

3. Do you feel unworthy because of your past road trips in life? If so, know God can redeem you and everything about you. Give it to God!

4. What are some examples of difficult things in your life that God has “redeemed” and turned around for your good?



The Questions

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