



OLD TESTAMENT • HISTORY

Ruth

Loyal love and unexpected belonging

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The big picture

Widowed Ruth chooses to stay with Naomi and enters an uncertain life in Bethlehem. Her labor in the fields leads her to Boaz, who treats her with protection and generosity. Through his role as family redeemer, an apparently small story of loss becomes part of the ancestry of David. The book shows faithful love through ordinary decisions and welcomes attention to people at society's margins.

Words to carry

“Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:”

Ruth 1:16 • KJV • excerpt

Live it

- 01 Offer steady companionship to someone facing loss.
- 02 Practice generosity without making a vulnerable person feel small.
- 03 Choose faithfulness in an ordinary task that no one may notice.

Pause & reflect

Who needs my patient presence more than my quick advice?

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