

Trust in God



But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

~ Ruth 1:16-18 ~

Ruth’s mother-in-law, Naomi, was returning to her home country after living in another country for at least ten years. But things hadn’t gone that well for Naomi.

She had moved from her home country, Israel, to Moab because there hadn’t been any food. And while she was living in Moab her husband had died, and then her two sons had died. In Naomi and Ruth’s time, women didn’t work, so they relied on the husbands and fathers and sons to provide for them, and now Ruth and Naomi had no one to provide for them.

Naomi had encouraged her two daughters-in-law to stay in Moab where they still had family and friends to look after them. One daughter-in-law, Orpah, listened and stayed in Moab. But Ruth didn’t.

Ruth promised that no matter what happened she was going to stay with Naomi and stick by her. What a wonderful thing to promise someone!

But Ruth was able to promise this because she knew that she could trust in God. She knew that God is sovereign – that means he is in charge over everything – and she could trust that he was working everything out.

And we can be like Ruth as well.

Even when things aren’t going well for us, we too can trust God.

We can know that God is sovereign – that he is still in charge over everything, so we too can trust him in any and every situation we find ourselves in.

Some questions to think about:

1. Why had Naomi moved to Moab and what had gone wrong for her since she had moved to Moab?
2. What did Ruth promise Naomi?
3. What did Ruth know about God that made her able to promise that?
4. How do you feel knowing that God is sovereign – that is he is in charge over everything?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that you are sovereign, that is you are in charge over everything.
Thank you that that means I can trust you in every situation. Please help me to trust you in any and every situation.

Amen.