

# “Time to Leave”

Book of Ruth series, 2.11.24

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In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. –**Judges 21:25**



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. –**Ruth 1:1-2**

Moab is my washbasin... –**Psalm 60:8**

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. –**2 Corinthians 6:14-16**

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. –**Ruth 1:3-5**

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. –**Ruth 1:16**

Big Idea: To get to the **right place** you must leave the **wrong one**.

Is there some part of your life that’s still in Moab?

What one decision/action could begin to change your life?

## **Discussion questions**

1. What's your favorite movie genre and why?
2. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why? Is there anything you want to learn more about?
3. What does it look like to trust God? What makes it easier or more difficult to trust Him?
4. Read Judges 21:25. What are some dangers that come with doing what's "right in [our] own eyes"? How can you practice looking to God for wisdom?
5. When times get tough, it can be tempting to question God and take control of our situations. Share about a time when you were tempted to control your situation without God. What was the outcome, and what did you learn?
6. Is there an area of your life that you need to surrender to God?
7. What one decision or action do you need to take to change the trajectory of your life and legacy? Find one way to take a step in the right direction this week.
8. Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a local mission partner.
9. Prayer for the week: Father, thank You for showing Your goodness and faithfulness in the story of Ruth. We believe you're good and faithful in our lives, too. Please show us if we need to change the trajectory of some aspect of our lives and help us move in that direction. Help us to trust and obey Your will. In Jesus' name, amen.