

# BEHIND THE SCENES

Studies in Ruth



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# DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Ruth 1:1-7



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# THE CIRCUMSTANCES:

*Ruth 1:1a - In the days  
when the **judges** ruled...*

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Judges 2:12-20; 21:25



# THE CIRCUMSTANCES:

*Ruth 1:1b - ...there was a  
**famine** in the land...*

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Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 12, 15, 22-23



# ELIMILECH'S DECISION:

Elimilech decided to relocate his family (Ruth 1:1b-5)

- They left Bethlehem in Judah (1:1; cf. Genesis 12:10-20; 26:6-17; Exodus 1:8-14).
- They moved to Moab (1:1; cf. Genesis 19:30-38; Numbers 22:1-6; 25:1-5; Judges 3:15-30).



# ELIMILECH'S DECISION:

Why was Elimilech's decision a poor decision?

- Elimilech failed to respond to the famine the way God instructed His people to respond to a famine (Deut 30:1-3).
- Elimilech failed to consult God before making his decision (James 4:13-15).



# NAOMI'S DECISION:

Naomi decided to return to God's family (Ruth 1:1b-5).

- Naomi's decision was prompted by her tragic losses in Moab (1:3-5) and word of God's blessings in Canaan (1:6).
- Naomi's return was not easy but it was necessary (1:19-22).



# NAOMI'S DECISION:

Why was Naomi's decision a good decision?

- Naomi's decision to return home allowed God to write the rest of her story (4:16-17).





The hero of the story is not Naomi.

The hero of the story is not Ruth.

The hero of the story is not Boaz.

The hero of the story is God,  
the One who is directing from

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