

**Series: Redeemed from Ruin (the Book of Ruth)**

**Sermon: Clingy Superheroes**

**Bible Verses: Ruth 1**

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It is uncommon to find someone that \_\_\_\_\_ to what is right, no matter what.

It was possible for Ruth and Orpah to find \_\_\_\_\_ again, and the normal answer the world would have given, was to \_\_\_\_\_ home.

Orpah and Ruth had certainly \_\_\_\_\_ about Israel's God (the \_\_\_\_\_) as part of Naomi's family.

Orpah left; she returned to her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of living.

Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ to Naomi and the truth; she \_\_\_\_\_ to go back to her old gods and old way of living.

*When my faith is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm stretched to the limit, God is actually teaching me perseverance! When I learn that I will be \_\_\_\_\_, exactly who God intends me to be!*

Ruth and Naomi were in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_, even when it felt like they were \_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth pledged her \_\_\_\_\_ to Naomi, and the one true God, no matter what the cost is.

I must make a decision to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God. I will not turn \_\_\_\_\_ to other gods, habits, or places without him.

**Growth Group prep**

- If you were Ruth, what would be your top two or three concerns about going with Naomi?
- Think about how Ruth said, "your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." It's interesting she included "your people" in that comment. Most people don't necessarily connect being part of a community to being a follower of God. Why do you think Ruth did connect those two things?
- Read Ruth 1:16-18 and think about what she said. Is it possible to be a follower of God without being loyal to the people of God? Why or why not?
- Look at Orpah's actions in Ruth 1, again. Is there anything that would make you think she was a genuine, or *not* a genuine believer in the one true God?