

A painting depicting two women, Ruth and Naomi, in a moment of emotional connection. Ruth, on the left, is a young woman with dark hair, looking towards Naomi. Naomi, on the right, is an older woman with white hair, looking back at Ruth. They are both wearing simple, light-colored, draped garments. The background is a soft, textured wash of light brown and beige. A vertical red bar is visible in the top right corner.

Ruth & Naomi

Ruth & Boaz

- ▶ Adversity struck
- ▶ Faith Answered
- ▶ A Glorious & Unlikely Future



Adversity struck



- ▶ Not everything goes as we would like or plan
 - ▶ Ruth 1:1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land
 - ▶ Killion
 - ▶ Famine
 - ▶ Berevement
- ▶ Rom. 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Faith Answered

- ▶ Culture of honour
 - ▶ Ruth & Naomi
 - ▶ loyalty
 - ▶ Your People, God & Land
 - ▶ Ruth 1:16 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.”
- ▶ Obedience
 - ▶ Ruth followed the advice of Naomi
 - ▶ sandle
 - ▶ Boaz & Law of Moses

Faith Answered

- ▶ example
 - ▶ Received the Blessing of the whole community

A Glorious & Unlikely Future

- ▶ Handful of Grain
- ▶ Whole fields in Harvest
- ▶ Rahab - Boaz - Obed - Jesse - David
- ▶ Proverbs 3
 - ▶ Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
 - ▶ Prov. 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

A Glorious & Unlikely Future

- ▶ Invitation to Trust & Obey Christ

Reflections



- ▶ Where do you find yourself in Ruth's story?
- ▶ Which character or situation do you most relate to?
- ▶ What can you learn from Ruth's courage and her willingness to put her family before her personal comfort?
- ▶ How does Ruth's story make you want to be a better friend, brother, or sister?