

EN(COURAGE)MENT

IN A

CHANGED

WORLD #2:

NEW

BEGINNINGS

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Text: Book of Ruth

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**1. We Need to Own Most of
Our Painful New Beginnings**

(1:1-7)

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1:1In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

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² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

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**³ But Elimelech, the husband
of Naomi, died, and she was
left with her two sons.**

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⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,

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**5 and both Mahlon and Chilion
died, so that the woman was left
without her two sons and her
husband.**

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⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

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⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

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**2. Committed Bitterness to God or
Committed Boldness for God? (The
Latter Always Encourages Others!)**

(1:15-21)

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**15 And she said, “See, your
sister-in-law has gone back to
her people and to her gods;
return after your sister-in-law.”**

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¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

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**17 Where you die I will die, and there
will I be buried. May the LORD do so
to me and more also if anything but
death parts me from you.”**

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**18 And when Naomi saw that
she was determined to go
with her, she said no more.**

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19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?”

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20 She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

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21 I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

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3. Hard Work, Diligent

Effort, and Great Attitude Are

Godly and Biblical (2:1-7)

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2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

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**² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi,
“Let me go to the field and glean among
the ears of grain after him in whose
sight I shall find favor.” And she said to
her, “Go, my daughter.”**

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³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

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⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.”

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⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”

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⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

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⁷ She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

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4. True Living for Christ =

Claiming the Romans 8:28

Principle (4:9-13, 17)

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4:9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.

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¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.”

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¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem,

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**¹² and may your house be like the
house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to
Judah, because of the offspring that
the LORD will give you by this young
woman.”**

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**13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she
became his wife. And he went in to
her, and the LORD gave her
conception, and she bore a son.**

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¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.



WHERE YOU GO

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WHERE YOU STAY

'll stay

- RUTH 1:16 -

make this day count