

*S*Heroes of the Faith Ruth

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I. The *setting*

In the time of *Judges*

- A dark and desperate time for the nation of Israel
- “everyone did as he saw fit” Judges 17 & 20

II. The *characters*

Elimelek: “My God is king”

Naomi: “my delight /sweet”

Mahlon: “sick”

Chilion: “pining”

Ruth: “friendship”

Orpah: “gazelle”

Boaz: “fleetness/swift”

III. The *plot*

A. A purposeful chain of *events*

Link #1: A severe *famine*

- The famine prompts a move to Moab
- Moab is a pagan nation-the descendants of Lot

Link #2: A trio of *funerals*

- The death of a *husband* and two sons

Link #3: A crippling *fear*

- Naomi’s narrow *perception*: “the Lord’s hand is turned against me”

Link #4: A faithful *determination* 1:16

- Ruth’s desire for *acceptance*
- Ruth’s proactive *faith*

Link #5: A fruitful *field*

- *Words* of acceptance 2:12
- *Actions* of acceptance 2:14
- Hope from a *kinsman redeemer*

* The law of kinsman redeemer: If a husband dies the next of kin is given the opportunity to marry the widow

Link #6: A swift *redemption*

- The burden of *responsibility* outweighed the promise of property
- A smelly sandal sealed the *deal*

IV. The *message*

A. Ruth gets an *acceptance letter*

B. Ruth receives a *full ride*

C. Ruth is an agent of *acceptance*