

# Choosing Wisely

## Ruth 1

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**2 Books in the OT named after ladies and they both tell of their amazing lives----Ruth, Esther**

**2 Gentile women who became believers and are in the lineage of Christ---Ruth, Rahab**

**Our life is the sum total of our CHOICES!**

**Ruth is an OT picture of the Church, the \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_**

*In the days when the judges ruled---a time when Israel had turned from God to idolatry and everyone was doing what seemed right in their own eyes (Judges 21:25).*

## PRINCIPLES OF CHOOSING

**Principle of Willing Choice**—we have a free will and we have freedom to choose

**Principle of Demanded Choice**—to not choose is to make a choice!

**Principle of Determined Outcome of the Choice**—we are not free to determine outcome of our choice!

**Principle of Few Big Choices Determining Many Smaller Choices**—

### 1. Elimelech—Problems from a \_\_\_\_\_ Choice!

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>Eli Chose Physical, Material over the \_\_\_\_\_ famine wrong motive

>Eli Chose The World's Solution to His Problem went to Moab wrong method

>Eli's Choice Impacted his \_\_\_\_\_ settled there wrong master

### 2. Naomi—Perversion of a \_\_\_\_\_ Choice!

*<sup>6</sup> Then Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had blessed his people in Judah by giving them good crops again. So Naomi and her daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab to return to her homeland .....<sup>8</sup> But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the LORD reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me..... Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD Himself has raised His fist against me." ..... for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me..... the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?" Ruth 1:6-8, 13, 20-21*

>Don't Make Selfish Choices Sound Spiritual—Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the LORD reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me...

>Don't Blame God for the Consequences of Your Bad Choices-- the LORD Himself has raised His fist against me." ..... for the Almighty has made life very bitter..... the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?"

### 3. Ruth—Power of a \_\_\_\_\_ Choice!

<sup>14</sup> And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi.  
<sup>15</sup> "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same."  
<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.  
<sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"  
<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.  
Ruth 1:14-18

**She had a Cursed Life**

**She had a Crushed Life**

**She had a Condemned Life**

**Note**—Orpah, while emotionally moved did NOT follow through with her decisions. BUT Ruth not only was emotionally moved but followed through with her decision which is a picture of true salvation

**Blessings of following Jesus**—*I make all things NEW anyone in Christ is a new person*

New Determination

New Direction

New Dependence

New Desire

New Devotion

New Dedication

New Destiny

**Her Choice took her from the unknown to being the ancestral mother of Jesus Christ!**

#### **ANSWERS:**

Gentile Bride, Jesus Christ, B A D, Spiritual,  
Whole Family, Selfish, Wise

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Total Weekly Budget

**\$ 12,857.00**

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