

“Being Faith-‘full’ in a Faith-‘less’ World”

Sermon • *Ruth 1:1–19a*

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1) **Chasing** after “**bread**.”

¹ In 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 . . . ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out with her two daughters-in-law on the way to return to the land of Judah. (*Ruth 1:1, 6–7*)

2) An **example** of **love**.

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. (*Ruth 1:14*)

3) A **confession** of **faith**.

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. 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.” (*Ruth 1:16–17*)

4) The **epitome** of **grace**.

¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself (*2 Timothy 11–13*)