

Family Discipleship Resource

Sept 24-Sept 30th

(Ruth 1:1-5)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

As we gather in your name, help our family to know more of you and what you have made known to us in your Word. Confirm, challenge, correct, and call our family as you see fit and for your glory.

In Jesus Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Ruth 1:1-5)

“Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. 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, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. 4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.”

O – Observe what God has said

What situation does Naomi’s family find themselves in in verse 1 and how do they respond?

What tragedy strikes Naomi and why is this so devastating?

W – Work on Application

In a separate Old Testament story, Joseph falls on difficult times when he is captured and sold into slavery by his brothers. Much later in life after God sees him through that situation (and many others), Joseph reflects on that difficult season and says, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Gen. 50:20). Later in the New Testament, Paul writes in Romans 8:28 “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” One of the themes these verses share with Ruth is the sovereignty of God—God’s rule over and provision amid all things and circumstances (even/especially when things look bleak).

When have we dealt with tragedy? When has it been difficult to trust in the provision of God?

How can we encourage each other to remember that God is in control, regardless of the circumstances?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”