

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS – PART 2
FINDING REFUGE IN THE FATHER

Ruth 1:14 – 2:13

THE CONTEXT AND PROGRESSION OF THE STORY.

1. Elimelech (Jew) leaves his home in Bethlehem, along with his wife, Naomi, and two sons, Mahlon and Chilion.
2. Elimelech dies.
3. Mahlon and Chilion marry, Ruth and Orpah, respectively, Moabite women. Ruth 2:4
4. Mahlon and Chilion die.
5. Naomi hears there is food in Bethlehem. The three women leave together but in route, Naomi tells her daughters-in-law to go back to their families. Orpah does.

KEY POINTS

1. “Life” must be shared. Matt 27:46, Rom 8:15, Ps 16:2, Job 2:10
2. God has a plan for our lives even when we don’t know it is happening.
3. Choose God as our “portion,” our “cup.”
4. Let go of our “Moab” to take up our “Jerusalem.”

NEXT STEPS

1. Take an inventory of how you are sharing your life with the Father, big and small. Before you sleep, evaluate yourself and make a change.
2. Look behind in life's events; find the plan of God working in the happenstances. Build your faith in God as you see His hand.
3. Make a decision, today, who or what you will put down in order to become a refugee in the hands of God.