

Heart 2 Heart With God **TRUE COMPANION**

It is always destructive to take any hasty decision in the time of frustration or rather unfavorable time. Especially God's people should wait on the Lord and seek His face in the tough times and continue to believe Him for He is our Sustainer, Provider and Protector!

In the Bethlehem of Judah there was a great famine. The meaning of Bethlehem is: **"the house of bread."** One family of 4 members from Bethlehem called Elimelech meaning: "My God is King", and his wife by name Naomi, meaning "my delight", and two sons by name Mahlon mean "sick". Chilion meaning "penning" they all went to the country of Moab (of his father) because they heard that there is no famine and no lack for the food. But as they went there and got settled down in that county, they got their sons married from the Moab, with heather girls. I believe here in this story was the matter of faithfulness! Sometimes we also walk in unbelief and for that reap the consequences.

Elimelech died and his two sons died too and the Naomi left alone with her two daughters in law in the strange land. Finally she took decision to return back to Bethlehem since she heard that God blessed the land with the great harvest.

Here in this devotion we are going to see about the Moabite daughter in law of Naomi Ruth. The meaning of her name is "companion." As Naomi got ready to go back to Bethlehem she called her two daughters in law and told them to go back to their parents' house. Orpah left but Ruth did not leave. She was **determined** to stay with Naomi. I always wonder to know, "what made Ruth to take the decision to be with Naomi?"

The life! Our lives speak more than our words! Life of faithfulness! I believe Ruth might have so impressed by the faithful life of Naomi! See what did Ruth tell Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for whenever you go, I will go; and whenever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and here will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me." (Ruth 1:16-17). Oh, my I could not control my tears by reading and writing this her **confession of devoted faithfulness** to Naomi! This is the word of promise of total commitment. Ruth has done exactly what Paul did in the Philippians 3:8: "...I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ." Ruth chose true and living God of Israel as her God! Oh, glory!

After going to Bethlehem Ruth did all according to Naomi's guidance and fully obeyed her. Boaz observing Ruth's life and heard her good testimony showed remarkable kindness said to her: "The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust" (Ruth 2:12). While writing this here I remember the parable Jesus told about faithful servant: "His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant..." (Matthew 25:23).

When Ruth made a wedding proposal to him look what Boaz replied: "...blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou has shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou request..." (Ruth 3:10-11).

I am so impressed to see the behavior of Ruth in the unfavorable times; she chose to trust the God of Israel as her Refuge! Her faithfulness was highly rewarded by God Himself, Boaz and Ruth has a son Obed. The Royal lineage came from Boaz and Ruth, as Obed was the grandfather of King David. And from King David's royal line came the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Oh glory! What a matchless reward for faithfulness! Our good Lord expects from us to chose Him and be faithful to Him till the end!

May our good Lord continue to bless you, your families and the work of your hands! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord**, and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions.
(Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).



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