

A Woven Story: Ruth

A Model Woman

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In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land. Ruth 1:1

Ruth's tapestry is grounded in hard reality.

She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty." Ruth 1:20-21

Ruth's tapestry brings forth loyal determination.

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." Ruth 1:16

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. Ruth 1:18

Ruth's tapestry is characterised by intentional work.

Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favour." Ruth 2:2

Boaz answered her, "All you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to a people that you did not know before." Ruth 2:11

Ruth's tapestry leads to Godly blessings.

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. Ruth 4:13 (NIV)

Ruth's tapestry is transformed within Christ's tapestry.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham... Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David... and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Matthew 1:1, 5-6, 16 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. This Christmas season, consider what tapestry you are weaving into your life.
2. Is it grounded in acceptance of hard reality, that brings forth loyal determination, that is characterised by intentional work, that leads to Godly blessings?