

Bible Character series of readings – week 19

6th March – Ruth

Monday: Ruth 1: 1-22. Ruth's commitment: In v10 both Orpah and Ruth made a commitment to return with Naomi. Orpah turns back while Ruth makes a great confession of faith (vv16, 17). Whose example will you follow?

Tuesday: Ruth 2:1-23. Ruth's faithfulness: Ruth's faithfulness and kindness, despite her poverty, do not go unnoticed by God or others. Your small acts of faith and grace matter and God responds by providing for us as he did with Ruth.

Wednesday: Ruth 3:1-18. Boaz responds: Naomi sees the spark of love between Ruth and Boaz. He has clearly checked the legal situation, and was expecting Ruth's claim for protection. God has prepared the way for them just as he does us.

Thursday: Ruth 4: 1-12. Ruth rewarded: To marry Ruth was too high a price for the other relative (v6) and she had no dowry. Boaz was paying to maintain the status of Mahlon's children, but did what was right despite the cost. Do you?

Friday: Ruth 4: 13-22. Ruth remembered: Ruth is mentioned in the ancestry of Jesus Christ even though she never expected her life would become an example and inspiration. Our faith gives us a part and purpose in God's plans that we may never realise until we get to Heaven.