

Talk 1: Returns

RUTH 1 | ANNABEL NIXEY



1. Moving to Moab (1:1-5)

a. A national (spiritual) crisis

b. A personal crisis

c. A family crisis

2. Turning Points (1:6-18)

a. Naomi returns

b. Orpah returns

c. Ruth returns

"Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried." (Ruth 1:16)

3. Back in Bethlehem (1:19-22)

4. Turning Points

a. How are we like Orpah?

Whoever wants to save her life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. (Luke 9:24)

b. How are we like Ruth?

'Truly I tell you, no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and in the age to come eternal life.' (Luke 18:29)

c. How are we like Naomi?

Reflection | RUTH 1

What does God want me to know?

What does God want me to believe?

What does God want me to do?



Talk 2: Gleanings

RUTH 2 | NATASHA LEONG



1. A Glimmer of hope (2:1-3)

a. Spoiler alert!

b. The widow's need

Gleaning laws (Leviticus 19:9, 23:22)

c. A glimmer of hope

2. The kindness of Boaz

Read over 2:4-18 | How many ways does Boaz demonstrate his kindness?

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3. The Lord who is kind

a. Boaz hints at it (2:12)

b. Naomi's declaration (2:20)

c. A "chance chance" (2:3)

4. God's kindness to us in Jesus

...when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour. (Titus 3:4-6)

2 TRUTHS

We are more vulnerable than Naomi and Ruth
Jesus is the greatest appearance of God's kindness



3 QUESTIONS

How often do you think of God as kind?
How often do you speak of God as kind?
Is God's kindness changing you?

Reflection | RUTH 2

What does God want me to know?

What does God want me to believe?

What does God want me to do?



Talk 3: Redeemed

RUTH 3:1-4:17 | CAITLIN ORR



1. Women in crisis "outcasts"

What does the Bible mean by 'rest'?

2. A quest for rest

a. A 'man of standing' (2:1) and 'a noble woman' (2:11-12)

b. A proposal (Ezekiel 16)

2 reasons = fulfil his role as a guardian-redeemer + fulfil his own prayer

3 Kindnesses = a guarantee + protection + grain (lots of it!)

3. There is a redeemer

Why do we have the unnamed redeemer?

4. Seek the redeemer that gives rest

a. We all need a redeemer

Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own... (Titus 2:14)

b. Only Jesus gives us rest

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
(Matt 11:28)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
(Revelation 21:4)

Reflection | **RUTH 3-4**

What does God want me to know?

What does God want me to believe?

What does God want me to do?



Talk 4: the Outsider

RUTH 4:18-22 | CARMELINA READ



1. Feeling like an outsider

2. A story of outsiders

"The Moabite" 1:4,22; 2:2,6,10,21; 4:3,5

3. No longer an outsider

a. Ruth

b. Beyond Ruth

A surprising end!

*Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse, and
Jesse the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon...
...Matthan the father of Jacob, and
Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of
Jesus who is called the Messiah.
(Matthew 1:5-6, 15-16)*

c. Our story

We're all outsiders

Jesus becomes the ultimate outsider

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ... Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.
(Ephesians 2:13,19)

4. Never an outsider again

Reflection | **RUTH**

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What does God want me to believe?

What does God want me to do?

