



"Against the Grains!"
(The Book of Ruth)
Ruth 1:1-5 (NKJV)

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Introduction:

Against the Grain - Contrary to custom, or one's inclination, or good sense.

The Book of Ruth

1. _____

2. _____

Historically:

Theological:

Geographically:

The move to Moab must be understood in light of the attitude the Israelites had toward the Moabites. That attitude seems to have come from five factors in their history:

- (1) The Moabites' _____ in the incestuous relationship of Lot and his daughters (Gen 19:30–38);
- (2) The Moabites' resistance to Israelite's passage _____ when they came from Egypt (Numbers 22–24);
- (3) The Moabite women's _____ of the Israelites and their subsequent _____ (Num 25:1–9);
- (4) Israel's constitutional _____ of Moab from the _____ of the Lord (Deut. 23:3–6); and
- (5) The _____ of the Israelites by Eglon the king of Moab (Judges 3:15–30).

These factors also cause wonder as it relates to the whole-hearted acceptance of Ruth, first by Naomi, then by Boaz, and finally by the people of Bethlehem.

As we go through the book of Ruth, there are some principles in each chapter that we are studying as we understand what it means to go Against the Grain:

- Chapter One: _____
 Chapter Two: _____
 Chapter Three: _____
 Chapter four: _____

To go Against the Grain means at least three things:

1. _____ in Your life!
2. _____ to be different!
3. _____ God has for you!

Conclusion: