



Book Theme: Against the Grain

Chapter One Principle: Leave Full, Return Empty!

Message: "Sometimes, some things have to die, for us to Consider our Choices!"

Ruth 1:1-5 (NLT)

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Introduction:

- "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
- "We are our choices!"
- "In every single thing you do, you are choosing a direction. Your life is a product of choices."

Therefore, bringing Ruth into the life of this Israelite family was a choice made by the one who is the leader, the head of the family. A choice that seemed to make sense to him. A choice that was based on survival! A choice based on personal comfort! A choice based on fear and not one of faith!

Sometimes we make:

1. Choices based on _____ (vs.1-2)

- Judges Rule implies _____
- Severe Famine implies _____
- Choice made based on the _____

2. Choices contrary to _____

The meaning of names in the passage:

- ✓ _____ means, "My God is King!"
- ✓ _____ means, "Pleasant"
- ✓ _____ means, "Sick"
- ✓ _____ means, "Pining"

3. Choices for Life that _____ (Loss) (vs.3-5a)

The meanings of the names of the women Naomi's sons marry are unclear. But Orpah has come to mean _____ and Ruth means _____

How is this marriage to Moabites to be evaluated?

First, _____, whether by kings or laymen. **Second**, according to Mosaic Law they were prohibited. (Deut 7:3-4)

Third, marriages to foreigners was considered the _____ (Deut 28:32). **Fourth**, the _____ must also be interpreted as evidence of the hidden hand of God (Deut 28:18).

4. Choices that leaves you by _____ (v.5b)

- What has happened in your life recently...Think about what Choices you have made in the past regarding your relationship with God...are those choices the cause of where you are today?
- What would you normally do in a situation like this?
_____?
- What would you do to keep the conflict down or to get the trouble to stop in your situation?
_____!
- **As a believer**, understand why God is allowing you to go through what you are going through; it is to get you back on track to fulfill your destiny.
_____!