

Ruth: A Lineage and Lesson of Love



Loss

"But Naomi said to her two daughters – in law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me." Ruth 1: 8



Loss

"Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her." 1: 14



Leaving

"See your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 1:15



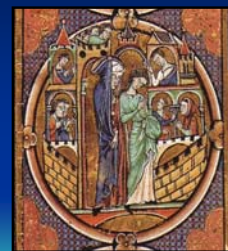
Hope

But Ruth said,
"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!
Where you go I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; and your people shall be my people, and your God, my God." 1:16



Return

"So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest." 1:22



Recovery

"As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech..... Then Boaz said to his servant... To whom does this woman belong?" 2:3 & 5



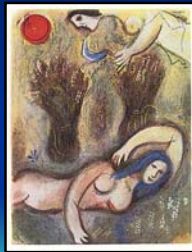
Risk

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you...now wash and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor....when he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; he will tell you what to do." 3:1 - 5



Risk

"I am Ruth, your servant.....Boaz said, May you be blessed by the Lord my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman." 3:9 - 11



Ritual

"So when the next of kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal.... Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech....I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite to be my wife." 4:8 - 10



Redemption

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son... Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became his nurse....they named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David." 4:13 - 17



The Lineage and Lesson of Love

Now these are the descendents of Perez" Perez became the father of Heron, Heron the father of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of David." 4: 18 - 22

