

Ruth 1:1-5

Introducing... the Book of Ruth

Tough Circumstances: (v. 1)

- The period of the Judges

A Tough Decision in Tough Circumstances: (vv. 1-2)

- Elimelech – ironically his name means “My God is King”
- Moving to Moab for ‘greener pastures’

A Tragic Outcome (v. 3)

- Naomi “left behind”

A Tough Decision in Tough Circumstances: (v. 4)

- Mahlon (ironically meaning “sickly”) and Chilion (ironically meaning “frail” or even “annihilation”)
- Marrying Moabites for future security

A Tragic Outcome (v. 3)

- Naomi “left behind”

Additional Points:

Making Decisions -

Responding to Tragedy -

God is Sovereign -

Application of Ruth 1:1-5

1. Have you previously made some faithless decisions that you need to repent of? And can now learn from?
2. What spiritual/faith considerations do you need to think through for decisions you need to make? Some questions you could ask yourself include:
 - a. Does the Bible give instruction regarding the decision?
 - b. Are there biblical examples you can consider?
 - c. What would be most glorifying to God?
 - d. What decision will best grow your faith and allow you to use your gifts to serve the Lord?
 - e. What do other wise and godly people who know me advise?
 - f. Am I at peace with the decision or does the decision provoke my conscience?
3. Do you accept the truth that God is sovereign (in control) even over tragic circumstances and the challenging situations you face? Read more about this in Deut 32:39; Dan 4:35; Ps 115:3; 135:6; Eph 1:11
4. Despite tragic circumstances and even our own faithless decisions God is faithful to work for His purpose, His glory and our good! See Gen 50:20; Rom 8:28 and spend time in prayer to thank God for His faithfulness and sovereignty to work in your life (whether you see it now or not)

Reading this week: Read chapter 1 of Ruth each day this week and the whole book of Ruth in one sitting at least once this week.

As you read makes notes about how you see God working in the lives of the characters and situations for His purpose and for the good of the characters.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sermon Main Points</u></p> <p><i>Tough Circumstances: (v. 1)</i> What time did this story happen? _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Bible References:</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	<p><i>A Tough Decision in Tough Circumstances (v. 1-2)</i> Where did the family move to? _____</p> <p><i>A Tragic Outcome (v. 3)</i> Who was left alone? _____</p>	
<u>Verses</u>	<p><i>A Tough Decision in Tough Circumstances (v. 4)</i> Who did the sons marry? _____</p> <p><i>A Tragic Outcome (v. 3)</i> Who was left alone? _____</p>	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Lord	Decision/ Decisions	Israel	Judges	Moab	Ruth	Tragic/Tragedy

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: