

## The Faith of a Foreign Woman

### Day One – Commitment

**Today's reading:** Page 121 through the last full paragraph at the bottom of page 122

**This reading covers:** Ruth 1

**Summary:** The book of Ruth paints a beautiful picture of absolute commitment.

**Consider this:**

Naomi is in the middle of the darkest point in her life. There is a famine in the land. Her husband and two sons have died. Ruth does not leave Naomi during this tough time. What does this show about Ruth's character? What do you think this faithfulness did to Ruth and Naomi's relationship? Can you name some friends or family who would exhibit the same qualities if you were going through a tough time?

**For Further Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Prayer:** Lord, please make me as faithful and consistent with my character as Ruth. Thank you for my friends and family who have this same level of commitment and love. Thank you and in Jesus name, Amen.

### Day Two – Responsibility

**Today's reading:** Bottom of page 122 to the end of page 125

**This reading covers:** Ruth 2-4

**Summary:** Boaz shows selflessness in carrying out his family responsibilities.

**Consider this:**

Under Jewish Law, there were only two men who could still marry Ruth. Boaz was one of them. Naomi's other relative was more concerned with making the easy choice than the right one. Boaz made the right choice. What is a choice in your life with which you struggle? Do you make the right choice or the easy one? What are some strengths of Boaz' character? Is there someone you admire who has a great sense of responsibility like Boaz?

**For Further Reading:** Proverbs 19:1; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:8

**Prayer:**

Lord, please make me like Boaz and mold my character like his. You love his integrity and responsibility to do what is right rather than what is easy. He is a man of his word. Make my work as solid as his. Please mold me and shape me in your image. I pray this in your son's name, Amen.

## Day Three – God’s Story

**Today’s reading:** Bottom of page 126 through end of chapter

**This reading covers:** Ruth 4

**Summary:** The end of Ruth’s story reminds us of the ongoing nature of The Story.

### **Consider this:**

Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed who was the grandfather of David and ancestor of the Messiah, Jesus. What does this blessing to Naomi tell you about what happens when God restores us? Why do you think the eventual line of Jesus was born out of this story? Even the King of Kings, Jesus, had ancestors with tough times and famines in their life stories. Can you recognize some similarities with your story and the story of Jesus’ family?

**For Further Reading:** Luke 1:26-33; Galatians 3:26-29

### **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank you that you can relate to the times of darkness in my life. Your family had tough times but God continued to give them a hope and a future. Help me see your light; that it would be a hope and a future in my times of struggle and darkness. Thank you for being intertwined in my story. Amen.