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# A HARVEST STORY

## RUTH

## AND

## NAOMI

**You Can Run but You Can't Hide**

*Part 1*

*Ruth 1:1-5*



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Part 1 - *You Can Run But You Can't Hide (1:1-5)*

Part 2 - *Starting Over When You Don't Feel Like It (1:6-22)*

Part 3 & 4 - *Finding God's Hand in the "Coincidences" of Life (2:1-3:18)*

Part 5 - *God Always Writes the Last Chapter (4:1-22)*







**No matter how messed up  
life seems to get ... God is at  
work behind the scenes!**



**“Who has hardened himself against him, and has prospered?”**     *Job 9:4*



***If we obey God's will, everything in life holds together; but if we disobey, everything starts to fall apart!***



Elimilech - *“My God is king”*

Naomi - *“pleasant”*

Mahlon - *“sickly”*

Chilion - *“Failure” or “loser”*

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***Big Idea:***

**It's never OK to try  
to run away from  
your troubles.**



**When trouble comes into our lives,  
we either ...**

**1. Endure it**

**2. Escape it**

**3. Embrace it**



Reasons why Elimelech made the wrong decision when he decided to leave home:

1. He walked by sight and not by faith.

- *What you see*

- *How you feel*

- *What might happen*





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# **Spiritual Promises**

“I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread”

*Psalm 37:25*



# **Spiritual Priorities**

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”

*Matthew 6:33*



Reasons why Elimelech made the wrong decision when he decided to leave home:

1. He walked by sight and not by faith.
2. He majored on the physical and not the spiritual.
3. He abandoned his commitments to God and purpose in life.





**Ruth is a book about  
coming home.**