

## The Book of *Ruth*

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### Overview and the Book of *Job*

*The story of a female Job*

*Some of the parallels with Job*

### Some Keys to Help Unlock the Deeper Message of *Ruth*

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### Fear or Faith?

#### Reflection

How does viewing the book of Ruth as the story of Naomi, a female Job, contrast with how you've previously viewed or heard it taught?

Why do both women and men need the story of a female Job?

How does the Job-like nature of this story put God at the center, and why is that crucial in reading and studying any part of the Bible?

What similarities can you see between your world and Naomi's (politically, culturally, religiously)?