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RUTH

An Inspirational Story?

In the days when the Judges ruled

- Israel in the time of Judges
- Women in the time of Judges
- Moab in the time of Judges

Narratives in the OT

- Telling a story
- Raising questions

Issues in Ruth

- Going to Moab
- Naomi's motivation for return
- Ruth's motivation for return
- The 'welcome' home
- Attitude to women - and foreigners
- The 'kinsman redeemer'?
- Maintaining the name of the dead?

Ruth –the person

- Loyal
- Brave
- Hard-working
- Competent
- 'Better than seven sons'
- Ancestor of David - and of Jesus

So what?

- A nice story with an 'aah' moment?
- A challenge to learn from outsiders?
- A challenge to loyalty and bravery?
- A challenge to follow God's plan?
- A reminder of God's sovereignty?
 - He can redeem bad situations
 - He can use anyone
 - Even women and foreigners!!
 - Even me and you!
