

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bob and Patsy Green | Hispanic Ministries



PRAISE

- Praise God for His continued faithfulness and for the fruit being produced through years of missionary ministry.
- Praise God for believers in El Salvador who are actively working to establish new churches and reach others with the Gospel.
- Praise God for faithful nationals and church members who are being disciplined and prepared to continue the work of ministry.

PRAY

- Pray for lasting spiritual fruit as believers continue evangelism, discipleship, and church planting ministries.
- Pray for the team from San Miguel traveling weekly to Santa Anna, that God would give safety, strength, and fruitfulness in establishing a church.
- Pray for continued growth and training of leaders in the Hispanic ministry as they prepare to reach and disciple others.

Strong Women

of the Bible

Handout: 05/31/26

Study Date: 06/07/26

Ruth: Strong In Love

Ruth 1:16 is a significant proclamation made by Ruth, a woman of deep loyalty and love. Her words reflect her unwavering commitment to Naomi, her mother-in-law. As we read this verse, we can appreciate Ruth’s determination to not just stay with Naomi but to fully embrace her life, values, and God. Ruth’s declaration involves an act of faith. She chose to forsake her own people, her old life, and the familiar in pursuit of something greater. This speaks to profound personal sacrifice and illustrates that love often compels us to make bold decisions.

Ruth’s statement begins with “do not urge me.” This suggests that Naomi had expressed her desire for Ruth to return to her own family, possibly fearing for Ruth’s well-being as they faced uncertainties. However, Ruth refuses to be dissuaded. Her declaration continues with “where you go, I will go.” This demonstrates not only her physical loyalty but an emotional and spiritual bond as well. It signifies the importance of companionship in pursuing God’s path. In a world where relationships can easily falter, Ruth stands as a testament to true love and commitment.

The backdrop of Ruth’s commitment begins in a time of famine in Israel when Naomi, along with her husband and two sons, leaves Bethlehem for Moab. Unfortunately, tragedy strikes as Naomi loses her husband and later her sons. Ruth, one of Naomi’s daughters-in-law, chooses to stay with her instead of returning to her own family. It’s essential to keep in mind that Moab was not an Israelite territory, and the customs and beliefs there were often at odds with those of the Israelites.

This context is vital as it emphasizes Ruth’s courage as she chooses to reject her old life in Moab and follow Naomi into a foreign land. We also observe that during those times, widows faced considerable challenges, often depending on their families for security and support. Ruth’s choice symbolizes a breaking away from societal norms where loyalty to one’s family was expected, and the struggle of women in that historical context demands our attention. Through her actions, Ruth’s story unfolds as one of empowerment, courage, and deep relational trust.

In essence, Ruth’s commitment is not just a promise to Naomi. It is a profound acknowledgment of faith in the God of Israel. By embracing Naomi’s people and her God, Ruth invites transformation into her life, reflecting how faith can be an anchor in turbulent times. We must remember that Ruth’s story sets the foundation for her later lineage, which connects her to King David and ultimately to Jesus. This illustrates how radical love and commitment can reverberate through generations, shifting the course of history. Resource: Christianitypath.com

KEY VERSE

Ruth 1:16 (NKJV)

“But Ruth said: Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And y our God, my God.”

Read Ruth 1:16-18 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ruth 1:16a; Pro. 16:24, 25:11; I Peter 3:10; Heb. 3:13

Show Love By Encouraging Words

1. I Peter 3:10 delivers a very clear message to us! What must we all “*refrain*” from as believers according this verse.
2. Hebrews 3:13 calls us to “*encourage one another daily.*” How many friends, family and co-workers do YOU encourage in one day?

Tuesday: Ruth 1:16b; Proverbs 17:17, I Corinthians 13:7

Show Love By Sticking With People Through Tough Times

3. What is Proverbs 17:17 teaching us about sticking by friends through tough times? How *should* we interpret “*a brother is born for adversity?*”
4. How is love defined in I Corinthians 13:7? According to this verse does it know any limitations?

Wednesday: Ruth 1:16c; Philippians 2:4; 1 John 3:16

Show Love By Adjusting To Others

5. How does Ruth stand as an example of love, flexibility, and willingness in Ruth 1:16? Have YOU ever had a time when you followed her example?
6. Philippians 2:4 sends a very clear message to us as followers of Christ. Are we to “only” look out for our own interests?

Thursday: Ruth 1:16d-17; Matt. 5:14-16, 16:24; I Thess. 1:9

Show Love By Committing To God

7. While Ruth clearly commits to following her mother-in-law, and being one of her people. What other “commitment” does she make? (Ruth 1:16d)
8. Who is Jesus speaking to when He says “*You are the light of the world*” in Matthew 5:14? What is He calling these followers to do?
9. Jesus said to His disciples that they must “deny themselves and take up their cross!” (Matthew 16:24) Have YOU taken up yours?

Friday: Ruth 1:18; James 1:19; Proverbs 18:13; Ecc. 3:7b

Show Love By Responding To What Others Say

10. What did Naomi display to Ruth when she stopped speaking to her in Ruth 1:18? What did Ruth’s determination achieve?
11. James 1:19 is without questions some of the greatest wisdom we will find in God’s Word! Why should we be “*slow to speak?*”
12. Have you ever *talked over* someone before they were finished with what they had to say? Why is this a bad habit according to Proverbs 18:13?