



## When Going Back Means Moving Forward (Part 2)

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### Ruth 1:16-22



**16** But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.**17** "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."**18** When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.**19** So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came about when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was stirred because of them, and the

women said, "Is this Naomi?"**20** And she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. **21** "I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?" **22** So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest. – Ruth 1:16-22, NASB

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- I. Act One: The Royal Line with Hope in Ruin (1:1-22)
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### I. Act One: The Royal Line with Hope in Ruin (1:1-22)

#### C. Scene Three: Returning to Bethlehem (vv. 6-22)

This scene divides into four dialogues (conversations) bracketed by an introduction and conclusion.

Introduction (6-7)

**Dialogue 1** - Naomi speaks to Ruth and Orpah (8-9a)

*Transition* - Tears of Separation (9b)

**Dialogue 2** - Ruth and Orpah Object & Naomi Overrules (10-13)

*Transition* - Tears of Separation (14)

**Dialogue 3** - Naomi and Ruth (15-18)

*Transition* - Traveling to Bethlehem (19a)

**Dialogue 4** - Naomi and the townspeople (19b-21)

Conclusion (22)

#### 1. Leaving Moab (vv. 6-18)

a. Naomi Learns of God's Visitation: *God's Sovereign Glory in Famine or Feast* (vv. 6-14)

(1) First Dialogue - Naomi speaks to Ruth and Orpah (8-9a)

(a) Transition - Tears of Separation (9b)

(2) Second Dialogue - Ruth and Orpah Object & Naomi Overrules (10-13)

**b. Orpah Leaves; Ruth Cleaves: *God's Sovereign Glory at Work in His Choice***  
(14-18)

(1) Third Dialogue (14-18): Ruth's Great Confession of Commitment

(a) Ruth's Confession (16-17) is organized around 5 paired statements

First Pair (v. 16)	Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you	notes:
Second Pair (v. 16)	for where you go, I will go and where you lodge, I will lodge	notes:
Third Pair (v. 16)	Your people shall be my people and your God, my God	notes:
Fourth Pair (v. 17)	Where you die, I will die and there I will be buried	notes:
Fifth Pair (v. 17)	Thus may the Lord do to me (and worse) if anything but death parts you and me.	notes:

(2) Naomi's Silence (18)

## **2. Arriving in Bethlehem (vv. 19-22)**

a. Transition - Traveling to Bethlehem (19a)

b. Fourth Dialogue - Naomi and the townspeople (19b-21)

c. Conclusion (22)