



**FOR WHERE YOU GO, I WILL GO**

RUTH 1:1-18

*The problematic influence of the people of Moab;*

**GENESIS 19:31–32, 36-37**

<sup>31</sup> And the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. <sup>32</sup> Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father" ...<sup>36</sup> Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. <sup>37</sup> The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

**NUMBERS 25:1**

<sup>1</sup> While Israel lived in Shittim, *the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.*

**DEUTERONOMY 23:3–4**

<sup>3</sup> "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever; <sup>4</sup> because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

*Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay;*

**JAMES 1:15**

<sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

*The futility of human solutions;*

**PROVERBS 14:12**

<sup>12</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

*Even in Moab, Naomi is not disconnected from God;*

**PSALM 139:6–8**

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. <sup>7</sup> *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?* <sup>8</sup> *If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

*The lamentable disconnect of modern man;*

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:10**

<sup>10</sup> Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, *because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.*

**PSALM 145:16**

<sup>16</sup> You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

*The false belief that God seeks glory among nonbelievers through the material blessing of His children;*

**PHILIPPIANS 4:12–13**

<sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**JOB 13:15**

<sup>15</sup> Though he slay me, I will hope in him...

**PSALM 84:10**

<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

*Naomi's foolish blessing;*

*Naomi was considering what she could not do for her daughters-in-law. She failed to consider what God can do;*

**PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

<sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**2 PETER 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

*The choice: Bethlehem with Yahweh and nothing else, or Moab without Yahweh and everything else;*

**PSALM 73:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

*God provides redemption for all who come;*

**JOHN 6:37**

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, *and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

**MATTHEW 11:28**

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*The speech;*

**RUTH 1:16-17 (KJV 1900)**

<sup>16</sup> And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God: <sup>17</sup> Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

*These are the words of God's people to one another, and of God to His people;*

**PHILIPPIANS 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

**HEBREWS 13:5**

<sup>5</sup> ...for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

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**EXODUS 6:7**

<sup>7</sup> I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.