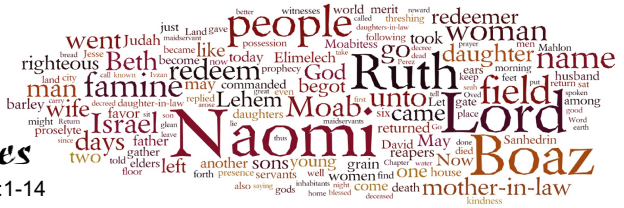


# Decisions, Decisions... and Consequences

Ruth 1:1-14



A powerful story of backsliding, character and the contrast of good and bad decisions...all in *The Book of Ruth*. We could describe this time in Bible history with 4 phrases – incomplete obedience, untaught children, no leadership & no right and wrong (Judges 1 & 2, 21:25).

## 1. A Dad's Decision v. 1-5

### 1) A Family

- ⇒ Elimelech – My God is My King
- ⇒ Naomi – Pleasantness

### 2) A Famine

Why does God send famines to Israel? Lev 26; 2 Chron 7:1, 11-13

### 3) A Decision

Leave the “House of Bread” for life in an idolatrous culture.

### 4) Consequences

## 2. A Mom's Advice v. 6-14a, 19b-22

## 3. A Daughter's Decision v. 14b-19a

The beauty of a virtuous daughter! Proverbs 31:10; Ruth 3:11

Learn – before making a major decision always seek counsel.  
Psalm 1:1; Psalm 119:24; Proverbs 11:14

### Prep for Next Message

- 1) Read Ruth 2-4
- 2) What happened to Naomi & Ruth in Bethlehem?
- 3) What lessons on character do we learn?
- 4) How did Ruth end up married again?
- 5) Who is Ruth's most famous relative?