



Dear Precious Friend,

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The People of the Passover: Ruth

And Naomi said to her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. The Lord grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. And they said to her, Surely we will return with you to your people. *Ruth 1:8-10*

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As Naomi goes on her way to return to the land of Israel, it looks like her daughter-in-laws had exactly the same heart to follow her to the land of promise. They BOTH set out to leave their people and country, they BOTH lifted up their voices and wept. They BOTH confessed that they would return with Naomi to her people.

And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. *Ruth 1:14*

Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but it was a kiss goodbyebut Ruth clave (*Hebrew: stuck like glue*) to her. The name Orpah in Hebrew comes from the word for the back of the neck and it can mean stiff neck. Ruth's name means friend or neighbor. There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. After Naomi gave them both no hope for a future and let them both know that the going was going to be rough, Orpah went back to her people and to her gods.

And she said, Behold, your sister in law is gone back to her people, and to her gods: return after your sister in law. *Ruth 1:15*

It's at this point that one of the most poignant covenant declarations in all of scripture is made by Ruth.

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people will be my people, and your God my God: Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part you and me. *Ruth 1:16-17*

When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking to her. *Ruth 1:18*

When Naomi saw that Ruth had the heart-courage to persevere under the most challenging and humbling circumstances, she took her with her to the land. There was a cross-roads for both Orpah and Ruth. There was a true cross in the road that demanded a death to self before they could cross over into the land of promise. Both daughter-in-laws looked the same on the outside, but only Ruth had the heart of covenant love that was also in Yeshua, which is as strong as death.

This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. *John 15:12-13*

Dear friend, are you more like Orpah or like Ruth? Orpah turned back but Ruth laid down her own life for another and in doing so, passed over into the promised land to become the great grandmother of King David and the ancestor of Yeshua.

Compelled by love, and for the joy set before Him, Yeshua endured the cross and passed over from death to life. Now nothing can separate us from His love.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:32, 38-39*

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In His Love,

Greta

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