

A TALE OF THREE WOMEN (NAOMI, ORPAH AND RUTH)

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The familiar story of the devotion expressed by Naomi and her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth.

Naomi and her husband
moved to a far-off land.
And there they raised two sons who grew
until each one became a man.
These brothers both got married,
one to Orpah, one to Ruth.
But then all three men died,
leaving widows, two still in their youth.
And then Naomi turned to Orpah and to Ruth.

“There’s nothing here for me,” she said,
“so I must leave you
and go back to my country.
May God deal with you kindly
as you have dealt with me.”

The women cried together.
How could they bear to part?
When Orpah fin’ly said goodbye,
she said it with a heavy heart.
But Ruth clung to Naomi.
She refused to stay behind.
Naomi turned to go.
In that moment Ruth made up her mind.
And then she gently looked Naomi in the eye.

“Wherever you may go,” she said,
“I will go with you.
And I will never leave you.
Your people will be my mine.
and your God will be my God.”

“Wherever you may go,” she said,
“I will go with you.
Not even death will part us.
I say it from my heart:
Your God will be my God.

Your God will be my God.”

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