

For the week of July 26, 2015
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A Son For Naomi

Final week in the series 'Great is Thy Faithfulness.'

Ruth 4:13-22

Titling this story *Ruth* is a bit misleading. It is really Naomi's story. She is mentioned in the opening verses and the final ones. Her personality is the most clearly drawn, and her struggles to believe what she cannot see make her accessible to readers like us who find her to be a kindred spirit. The son born who was born "for Naomi" established the royal line of Israel. From him would come David and from David comes Christ.

For more background reading consider the sermon at this web address:
http://www.pbc.org/system/message_files/7628/4587.pdf

Discussion Questions:

1. Naomi wanted her own husband and children, "an ordinary happy family". Instead she was given Ruth and Boaz and Obed and place in history. Why is this good news?
2. Use your imagination to picture Grandma Naomi with Obed on her lap. How does she look? What is she thinking about?
3. The story ends with a genealogy that looks forward to history yet to come. We don't know what future use God will make of our choices today. What help does this perspective give us?