



Ruthie & Bo Save Christmas

Judges 21:25; Ruth; 1 Samuel 16:1-2;
2 Samuel 7:16; Matthew 1:15-16; John 18:36

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Bottom Line: The whole time Israel was ping-ponging back and forth from obedience to disobedience—in an era when everyone did what was right in his/her own eyes—God was looking forward... to Christmas.

Review:

We started this series with a horrible story from the book of Judges that reflects the value system of our culture: We have the right to do **what** we want, **when** we want, with **whom** we want ... with one civilized American caveat: as long as it doesn't **hurt** anybody.

The book ends with Judges 21:25 (NASB), “In those days there was no **king** in Israel; everyone did what was **right** in his own eyes.”
For 300+ years, history kept repeating itself:

Disobedience → Disaster → Deliverance

The whole time, Israel was ping-ponging back and forth from obedience to disobedience, in an era when everybody did what was right in his/her own eyes...

God was decorating for **Christmas**.

Right in the middle of the chaos of Judges, a Moabite woman and a Hebrew man make two big, God-honoring, faith-defying decision—and without knowing it, set the stage for Christmas.

Boaz and Ruth never knew they were an important and fragile link in the story of God.

They had no idea that 1,000 years later, their relative, many generations down the line, and his pregnant fiancée would slowly make their way to that very town, **Bethlehem**, and there give birth to the **King of Israel/Savior of the World**.

Conclusion:

It took God hundreds of years to prepare for the first Christmas.

A simple decision could make this your best Christmas ever.

There are no better offers.

Put your faith in Jesus as your Savior and yield to Him as your King.

Declare...I no longer want to do what is right in my eyes, I'm ready to do what is right in **Your** eyes.

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: 2 Samuel 7:16.**
- Meditate on the Story of Ruth and Boaz this Christmas.**
- Pastor, today I have received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.**
- Pastor, today I have rededicated my life to Jesus.**
- Join us on January 14 for *New Rules for Love, Sex, & Dating*.**

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