

## The Story of Ruth

*“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s kids, and heirs according to the promise.” (Funnels)*

### I. A bright spot during the dark days of the judges.

- The cycle of judges.

- Ruth is different.

Moab – a long-term rival

Numbers 21:29

Numbers 25

Judges 10:6

1 Kings 11:7, 33

2 Kings 23:13

Isaiah 16:6

Jeremiah 48:13, 29, 35

**Jeremiah 48:46**

### II. A conversion account.

- The people of Chemosh (Ruth’s roots).

- Dissect the dialogue:

*Conversion!*

*... The rest of the story ...*

2 Kings 3

Deuteronomy 12:29-31

Jeremiah 19:5

The oath:

Ruth 1:17b

1 Kings 19:2

### III. Presence Encounter.

- Listen to the language.

- In the middle of grief and hardship.

- List the negative experiences:

1 Peter 3:15, 16

2 Corinthians 12:9, 10

Acts 26:15-18

- We need to be PRESENT & live like God is REAL

... the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God ... 1 Corinthians 10:20

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah ... Boaz the father of Obed (grandfather of David), whose mother was Ruth. Matthew 1:1, 5b (ancestry.NT)

#### **The spiritual darkness of human sacrifice illustrated:**

“Here he built the Mo’okini Heiau, where countless people were put to death to please Pa’ao’s hungry gods ... Even before we knew the gory details about Mo’okini Heiau’s history, the place gave us the heebie-jeebies. We aren’t the only ones who have noticed that the area around the temple is filled with an eerie, ghostly lifelessness ... Used for human sacrifices, the area feels devoid of a soul. The quiet is not comforting, but rather an empty void.” *From a tourist book – The Big Island – Revealed.*