



Session Five: Deployment—Hand in Hand Back onto the Battlefield

In our last session, Stacy introduced us to two warriors: Naomi and Ruth. As Naomi urges Ruth to return to her people when Naomi left for Bethlehem, Ruth makes this statement in Ruth 1:16: “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” What do you see in these two women that makes them warriors?

Naomi was strong in her efforts to protect Ruth from harm. Ruth saw hope in the brokenness of hers and Naomi’s lives. She saw a future that was filled with God being the Thing that tied them together and ultimately promised a life of blessing in spite of the brokenness that already existed and would continue to exist. Ruth clung to her because she saw God and she wanted more of Him! Are you a Ruth to someone? A Naomi?

Ruth and Naomi are a match made in Heaven and God used them to move the Kingdom. Ruth, originally an alien to the Jewish faith, was the great grandmother of king David. Her name is recorded in our Bibles to remind us of the strength and influence we could have on others as we join the battle as one of God’s warriors.

Are you ALL IN for the battle for Jesus Christ?