Ruth

For where you go, I will go

Ruth 1:16
Developing a Heart For God

• (Mat 22:37) "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

• Ruth Loved God With All of Her Heart

• A Mom Who Became Great-Grandmother of David

• Mentioned in the Genealogy of Christ (Matt 1:5)
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• **READ:** *Ruth* 1:6-18

• 16 But Ruth replied, "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.** 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." 18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.
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• RUTH: A Heart To Go With God

• “Your God Will Be My God”

• We Need A Softened Heart Not A Hard Heart

• (Heb 12:15 NIV) See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.
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- When Adversity Strikes --Will We Go Back? Or, Will We Go On With God?
- Some Go Back Because Of Past
- Some Go Back Because Of Family
- Some Go Back Because Of Religion
- Ruth Made decision To: Go On... With God
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- Ruth: The Heart To Go With The Godly
- “Where You Go I Will Go”
  “Where You Live I Will Live”
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• To Keep Our Hearts For The Lord We Must Have A **Pure Heart**

• (Mat 5:8 NIV) **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

• (Prov 4:23 NIV) **Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.**
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• Ruth: Makes A Decision **To Go... All In**

• “Where You Die I Will Die”
  “There I Will Be Buried”

• v. 18 “She Was Determined To Go On...”
• Her Heart Was Decided
• The Matter Was Settled & Sealed
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• To Keep Our Hearts For The Lord We Must Have An Open Heart—like Ruth

• Open To The Lord’s Leading – For Life And Ministry
• Open To Others Coming In
• Open To Give Opportunities For A New Beginning