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1:1 - “In the days when the judges ruled”

Judges 17:6

Judges 2:11-19

Was there anyone who trusted in the Lord?

Yes!

Good people facing bad circumstances.

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1:1-7 - The troubled lives of Naomi,
Ruth, and Orpah

1:8-13 - Should I stay or should I go?

1:14-15 - Orpah stays. Naomi's plea to
Ruth: "Stay!"

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1:16-17 - Ruth's answer to Naomi: "I will go!"

"Entreat me not to leave you, or turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people will be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."

1:18-22 - Naomi and Ruth go to Bethlehem.

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The Lessons For Us:

1. Life is a journey, with all kinds of twists and turns in the road - *Eccl. 3:1-8.*
2. Life is what you make it - *Exo. 14:10-12; 16:1-3; 17:1-4; Amos 6:1-6.*
3. No matter the twists and turns, always make your journey toward God, toward the people of God, and toward the best death possible (prepared for eternity).