

Where is God when my world falls apart

Ruth 1:1-5

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a certain man from Bethlehem in Judah, with his wife and two sons, went to reside in the land of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah, and they entered the land of Moab, and settled there.

³ Then Naomi's husband Elimelech died, and she was left with her two sons, ⁴ who took Moabite women as their wives, one named Orpah, and the other named Ruth.

And after they had lived in Moab about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and Naomi was left, without her two sons, and without her husband.

Bad

happen to God's people

John 15:20-21, If they persecuted Me...

God's world is

Judges 4:4, Deborah was Judging

Genesis 1:31, God looked on everything...

Be

God's world is

Romans 8:20, Creation was subjected to...

Genesis 3:17, Ground cursed because...

Hebrews 12:5-6, Lord disciplines those....

Be

Poor

are made by God's people

World's seems attractive

World's seem attractive

2 Corinthians 6:14, 17, Do not be unequally...

1 John 2:15-17, Do not love...

1 Samuel 16:7, the Lord looks at...

Negative

come upon God's people

No mention of...

Matthew 6:33, Seek first...

My prayer priorities for this week

S 12 Myanmar orphans & students

M 13 Paula & Paul

T 14 Diane J

W 15 Joan J. Lyn K

T 16 Daniel T

F 17 Elsie & Bert

S 18 Our internet viewers

S 19 Karen & Hung

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion.

1. Have you ever tried to reason with believers who insist that God wants all His children to be always healthy, wealthy, and happy? Hebrews 12:5-6
2. Read Romans 12:11-13. Suggest some reasons why God allows unpleasant things to happen to His children.
3. List some benefits of being a true born-again Christian, even when things are difficult.
4. Naomi's husband made poor choices (v1b, 2b). So too did her sons (v4). What may influence believers to make poor choices?
5. How can we help others (and help ourselves) to make smarter decisions?
6. How can we balance, a) being separate from the world, with b) engaging with the world?

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