



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. **Proverbs 16:9**

⁴Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: RUTH 1:1-17

TITLE: AM I MOTIVATED BY LOVE OR LOGIC?

INTRODUCTION

- A. We make decisions all day long _____
1. We make about 35,000 decisions each day (2,000 decisions/hour or 1 decision every 2 seconds)
 2. We make over 226.7 decisions regarding food each day
- B. Some decisions are motivated by Logic _____
- C. Other decisions are motivated by Love _____

TWO DIFFERENT DECISIONS

- A. Naomi told Ruth and Orpah to go back to their mother's house _____
- B. They kissed, cried and told Naomi that they would return with her _____
- C. Naomi gave a logical argument for them to go home _____
- D. They cried... _____
1. Orpah said, "Ok." (Kissed Naomi and headed for home)
 2. Ruth said, "No way." (Clung to her, shared a vow of commitment)
- E. Orpah's decision was motivated by Logic _____
1. Are my decisions motivated by Logic?
 2. "Doing things right" (The right thing, at the right time in the right way)
 3. Are my decisions logical, rational, make sense and easily justified?
 4. Do my decisions meet the needs of Logic?
 5. Do my decisions rely on Facts?
- F. Ruth's decision was motivated by Love _____
1. Are my decisions motivated by Love?
 2. "Doing the right thing" (Going against the grain, getting in good trouble)
 3. Are my decisions sometimes illogical, irrational, make no sense and are not easily justifiable?
 4. Do my decisions meet the needs of the person through Love?
 5. Do my decisions rely on Faith?
- G. The outcome of Logic versus Love

TWO DIFFERENT OUTCOMES

- A. Orpah goes back to her mother's house, the path of Logic, and is never heard of again _____
- B. Ruth goes with Naomi, the path of love, and makes a significant contribution to humanity _____
1. Gleaned in Boaz's field
 2. Found favor with Boaz, and married Boaz
 3. Owned the field she once worked in
 4. Ruth makes a significant contribution to humanity
 - a. Ruth and Boaz have a son named Obed
 - b. Ruth and Boaz have a grandson named Jesse
 - c. Ruth and Boaz have a great-grandson named David
 - d. Ruth and Boaz become ancestors of Jesus