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1. Ruth plays a significant role in the lineage of Christ
 - a. Ruth 4:17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of **David**.
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 - a. Ruth was committed to her Faith in the true God and the relationships she had with God's people Ruth 1:14-15 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth **clave** unto her. (15) And she said, Behold, thy sister in law **is gone back** unto her people, and unto her **gods**: return thou after thy sister in law.
Ruth 1:16-17 And Ruth said, Intreat me **not to leave** thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, **I will go**; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God **my God**: (17) Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be **buried**: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.
4. God orchestrates Ruth and Boaz meeting each other (Ruth 2:15-16)
 - a. Ruth 2:1-3 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of **wealth**, of the **family** of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. (2) And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. (3) And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her **hap** was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.
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