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The Story of Ruth

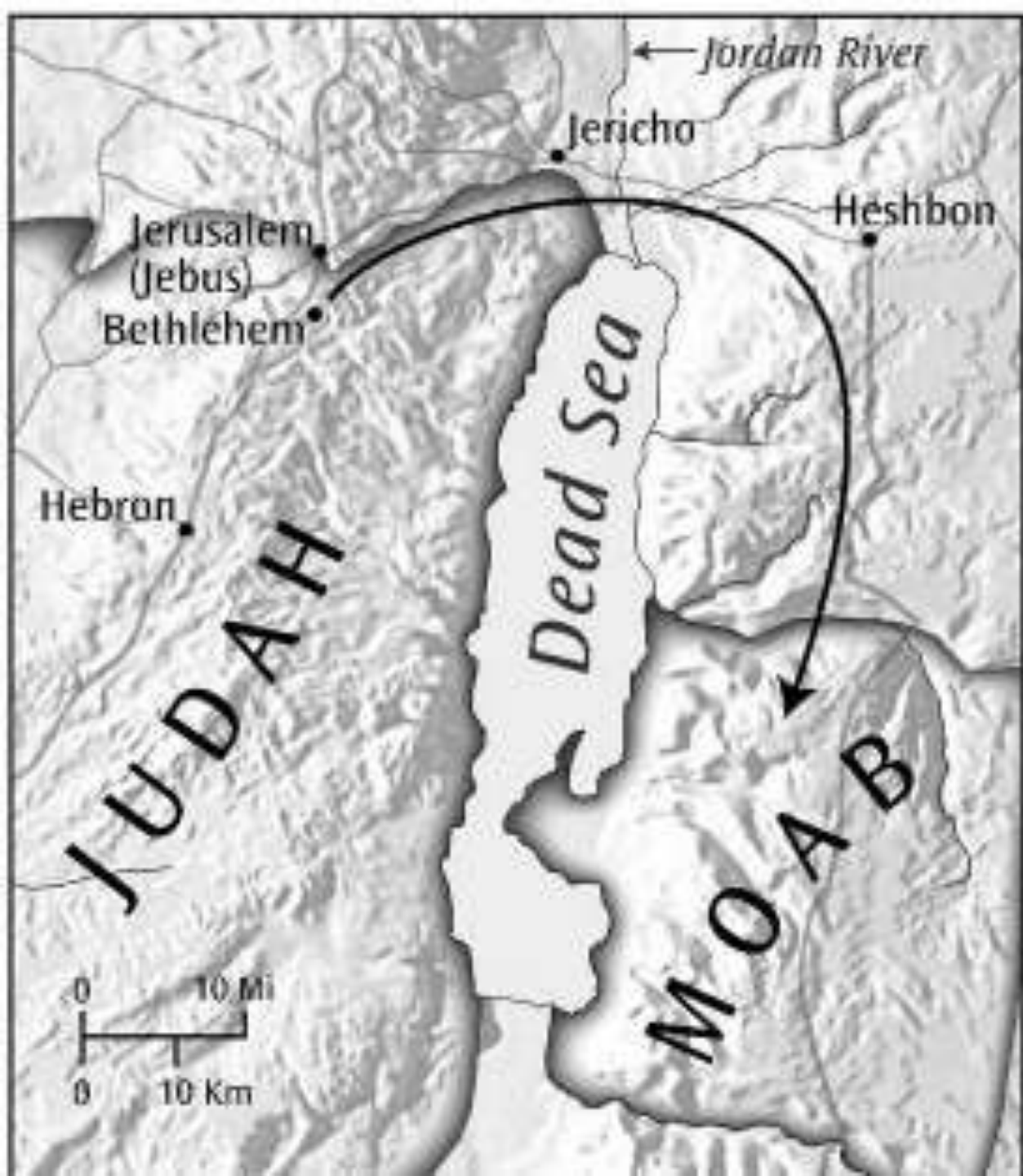




Ruth 2

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Where
we have
been.



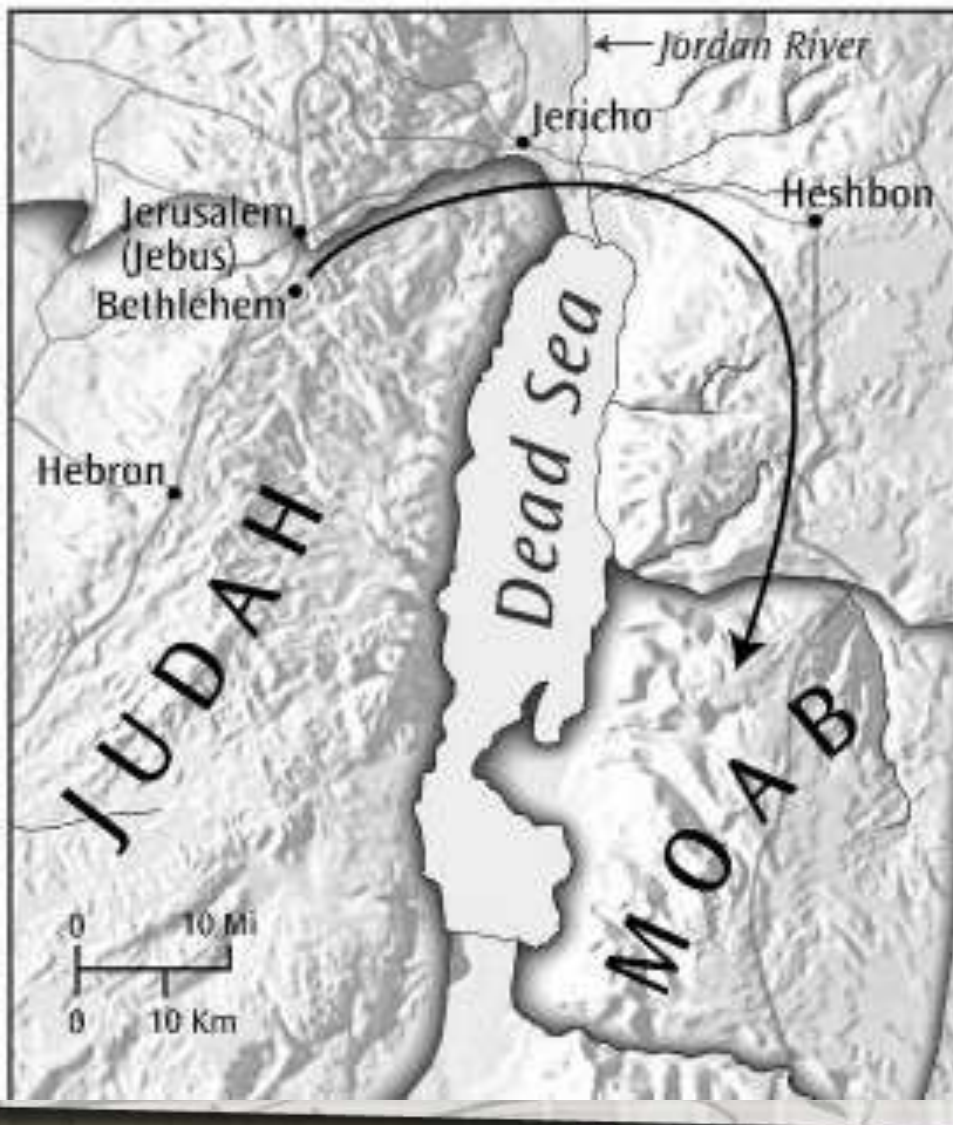
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**Mahlon
and
Chilion**

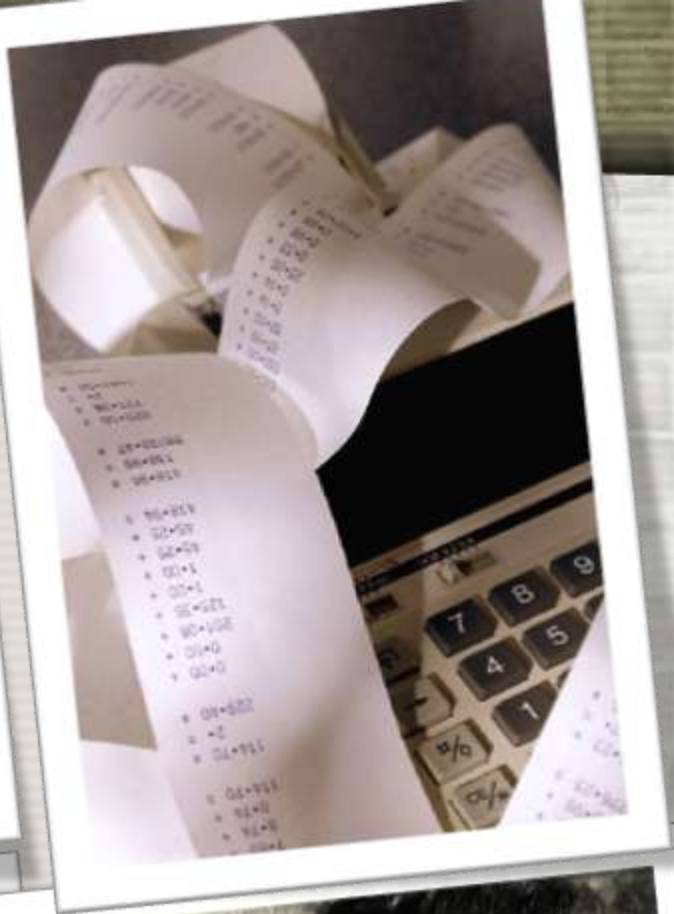


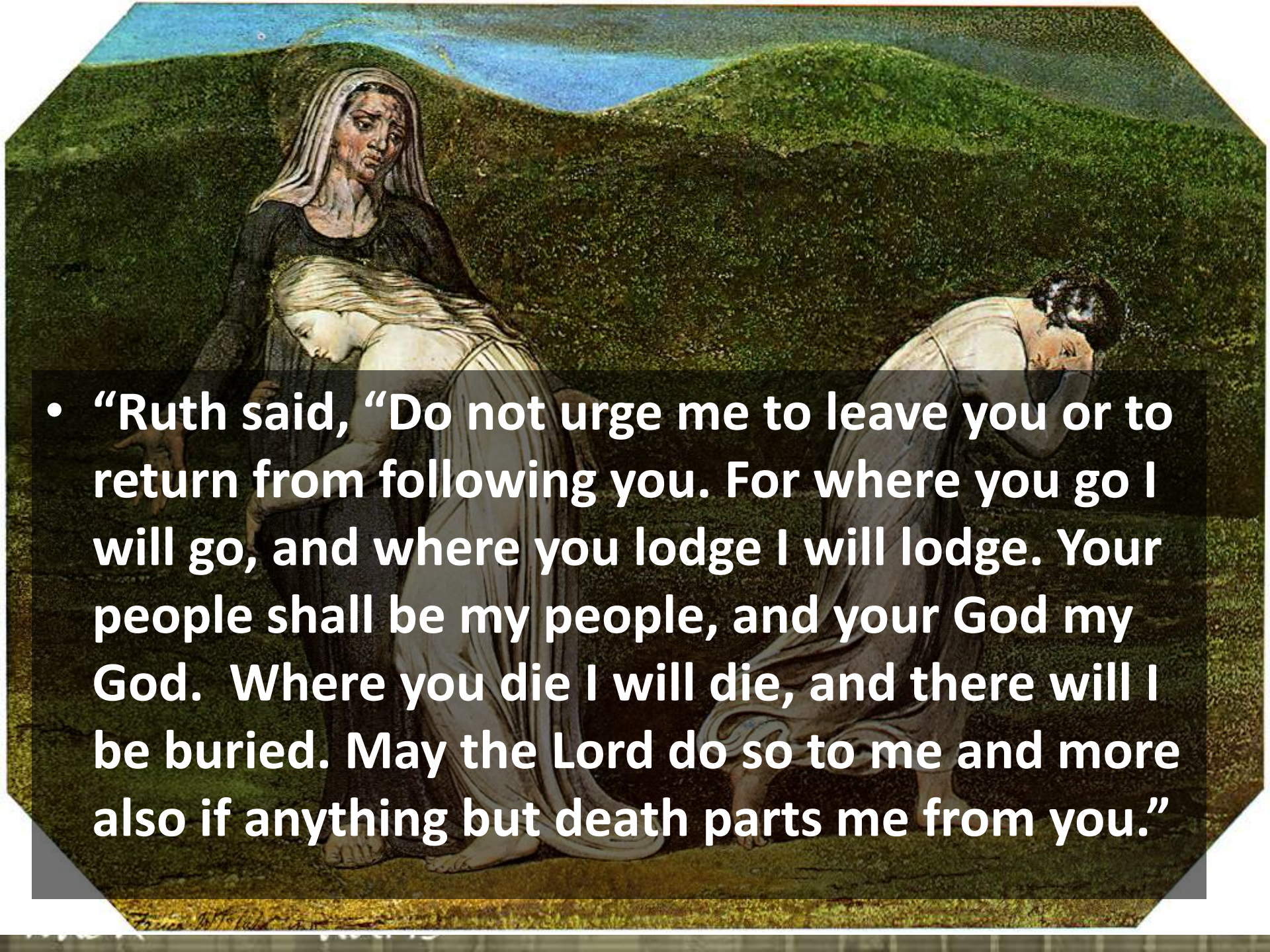
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Have you ever left
the place of God's
blessing because a
personal famine?
Have you ever gone
to Moab a place of
curse believing it
would be better?

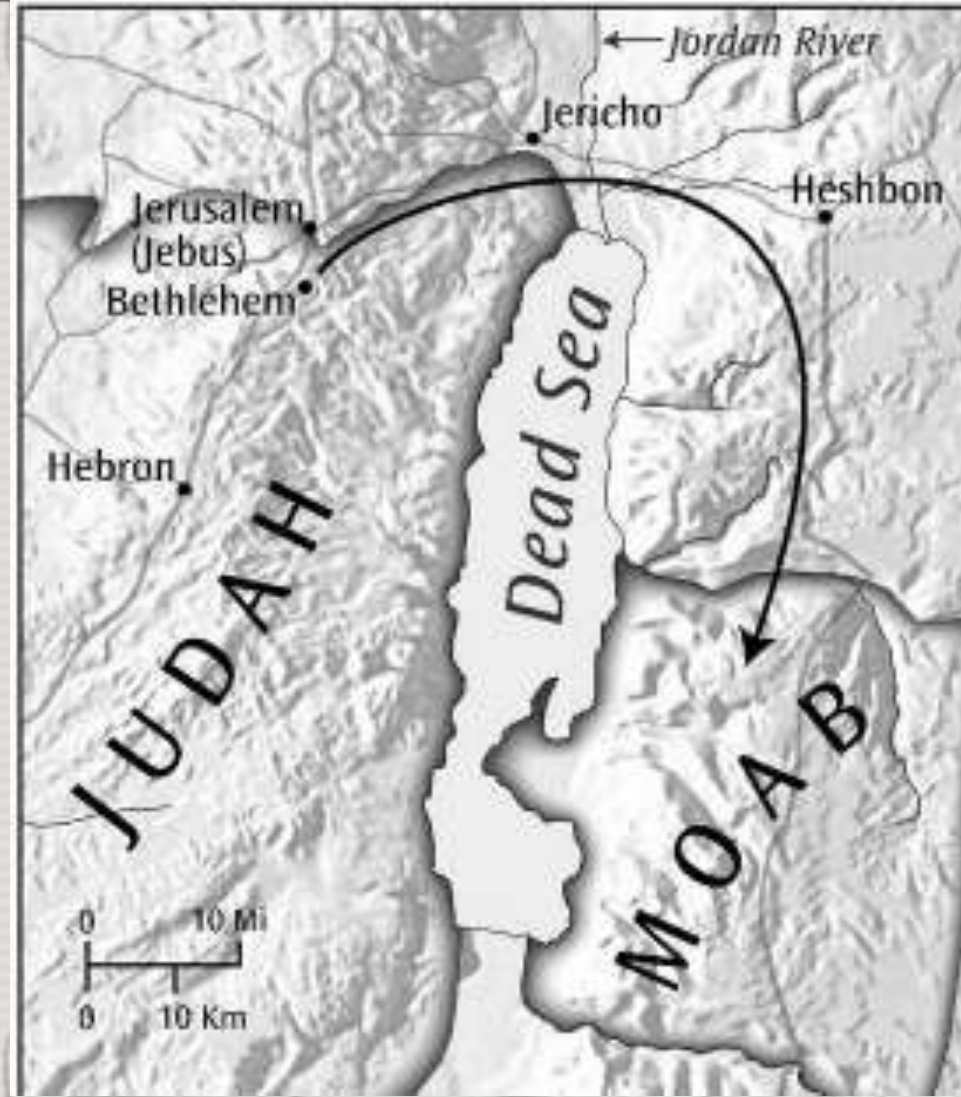


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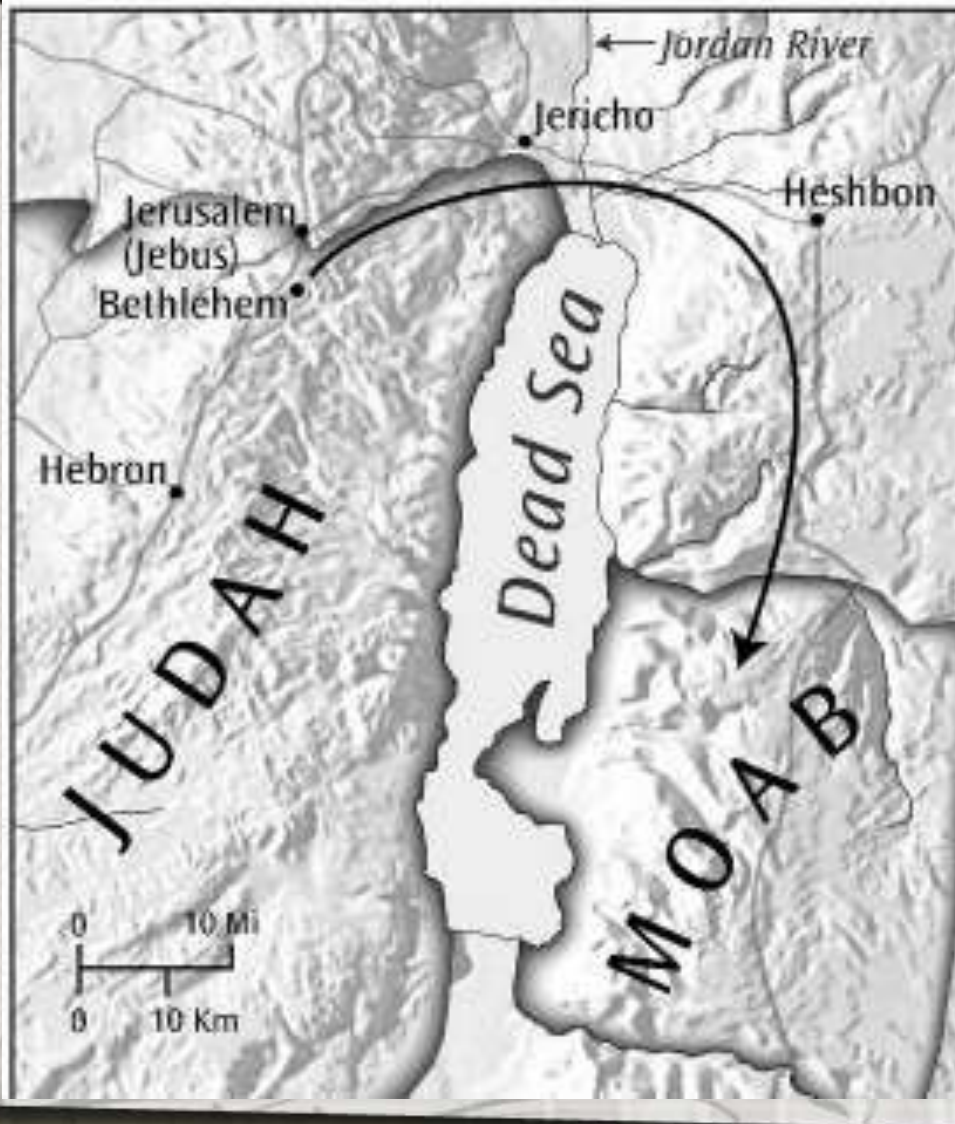
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- **“Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”**

Moab –
The place of
difficulty and
suffering moves us
in God direction



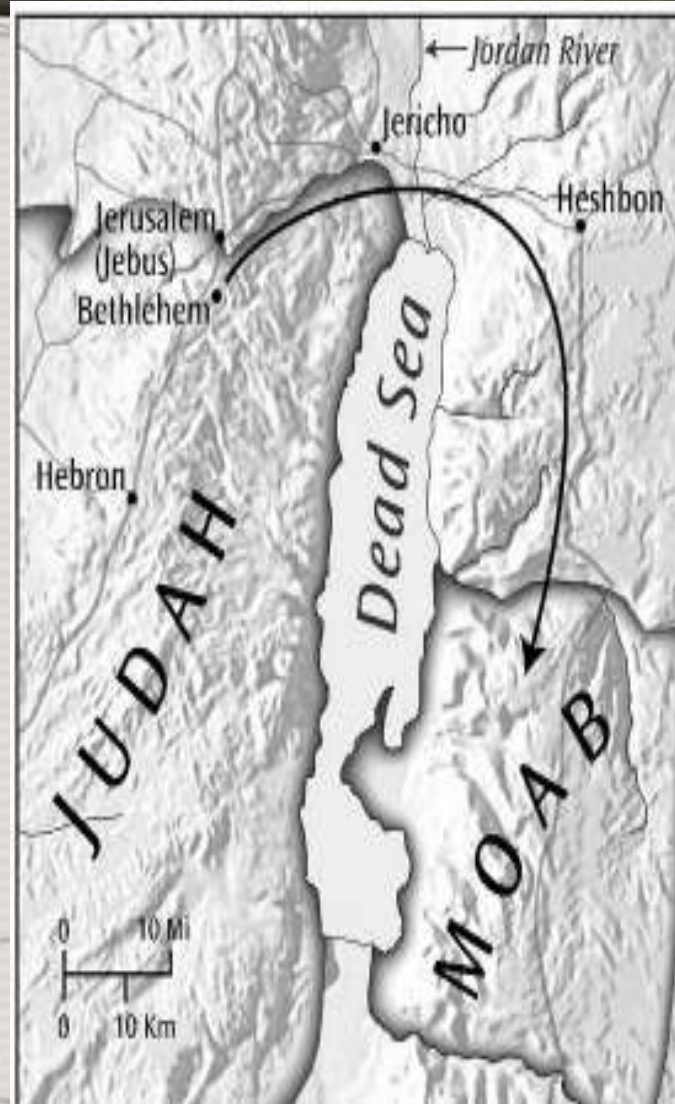
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It was the cancer
that brought me
close to God.



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It was
The Job Loss
prison
the addiction
My Marriage
my success
that brought me close to
God.



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- **Luke 15:17-19**

"But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ... I am no longer worthy to be called your son;'"

- Dirt Poor
- **Leviticus 19:9-**
reap the harvest
you shall not reap
right up to its
edge, nor shall you gather
the fallen grapes
after your harvest,
nor shall you strip
the vine bare, neither shall you
gather the fallen grapes
of the vineyard. You shall
leave them for the poor and
the sojourner: I am
the Lord your God.



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And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”

Ruth walked by faith.

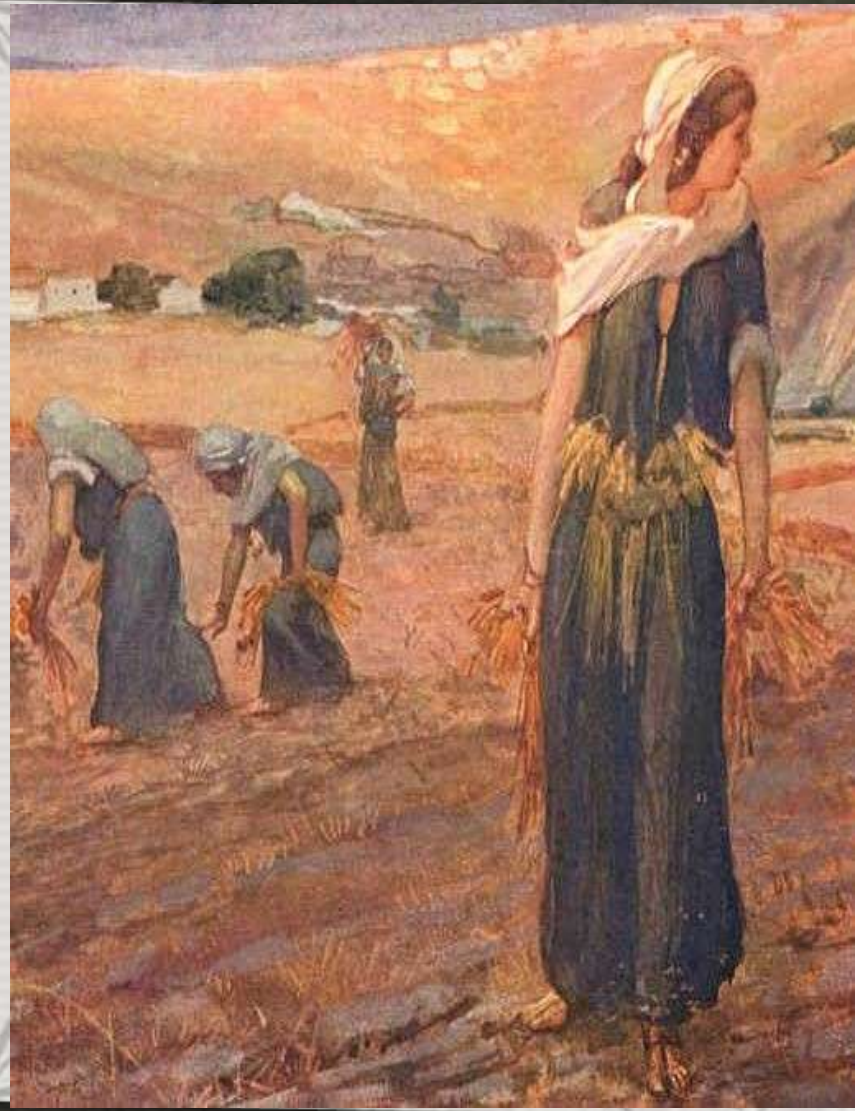
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FAILURE

We can't spell failure without U.

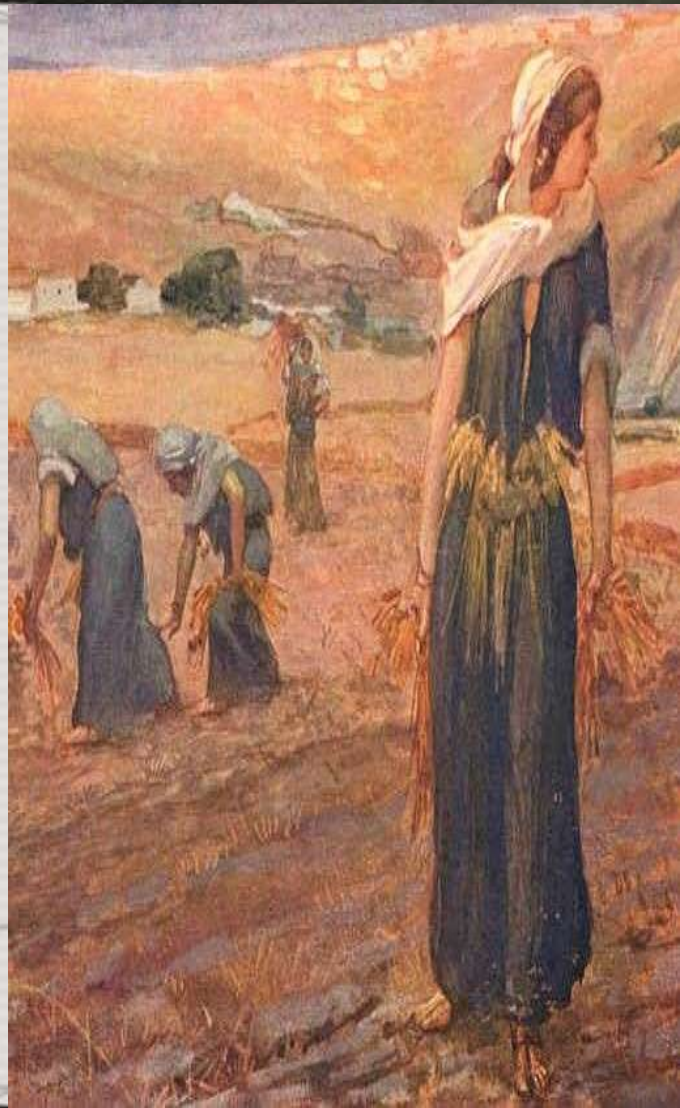
Ruth 2:3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and **she happened to come** to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.



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**“she happened to
come to”**

**“her chance chanced
upon her”**



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**What Luck!
How Lucky was
she?**



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How Lucky!

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Ruth 2:4-5

Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the Lord be with you." And they said to him, "May the Lord bless you."



**Boaz is a type of
Jesus
(God with us)**



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Ruth 2:5-7 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

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She caught his eye

Dirty

Sweaty

Tired

Been married

**Why did she catch his
eye?**

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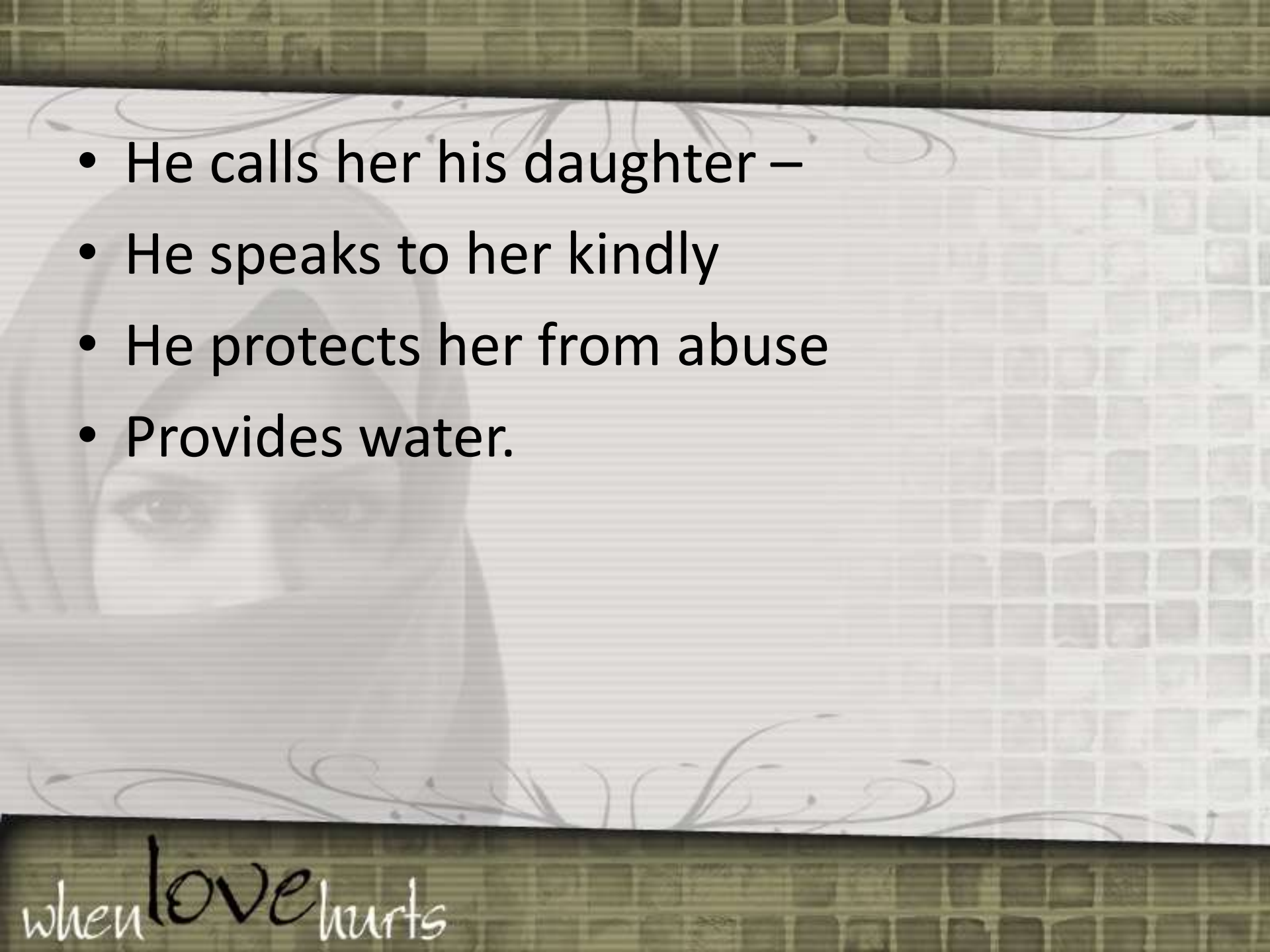
**Notice how he treats
her.**

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Ruth 2:8-9 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

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- A woman wearing a grey hijab is looking through a white mesh screen. The background is a light-colored wall with a grid pattern. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- He calls her his daughter –
 - He speaks to her kindly
 - He protects her from abuse
 - Provides water.

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This is how God cares for us. He speaks to us kindly he protects us.

Psalm 91:15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

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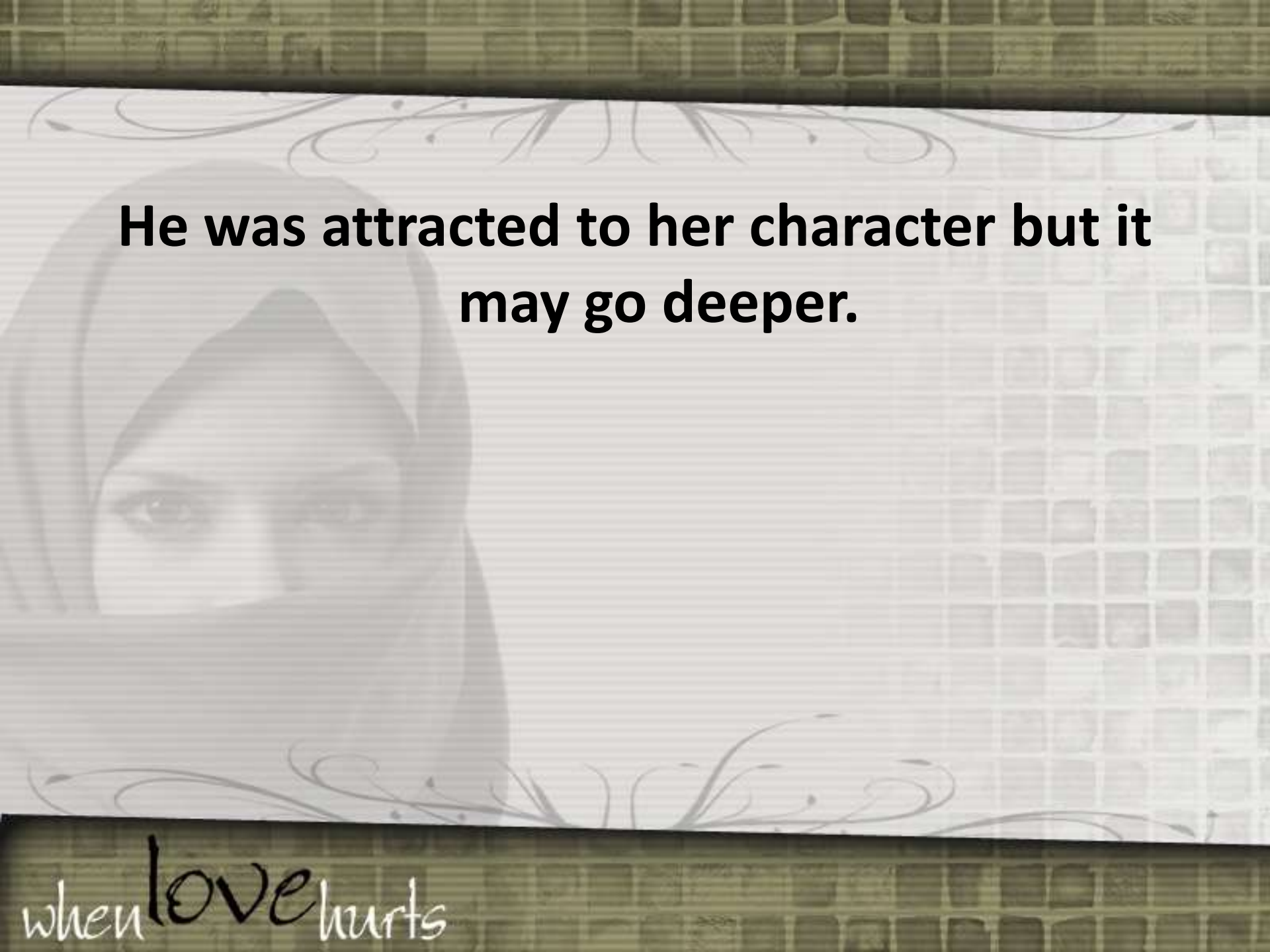


Look what the kindness does?

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Ruth 2:10-13 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

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**He was attracted to her character but it
may go deeper.**

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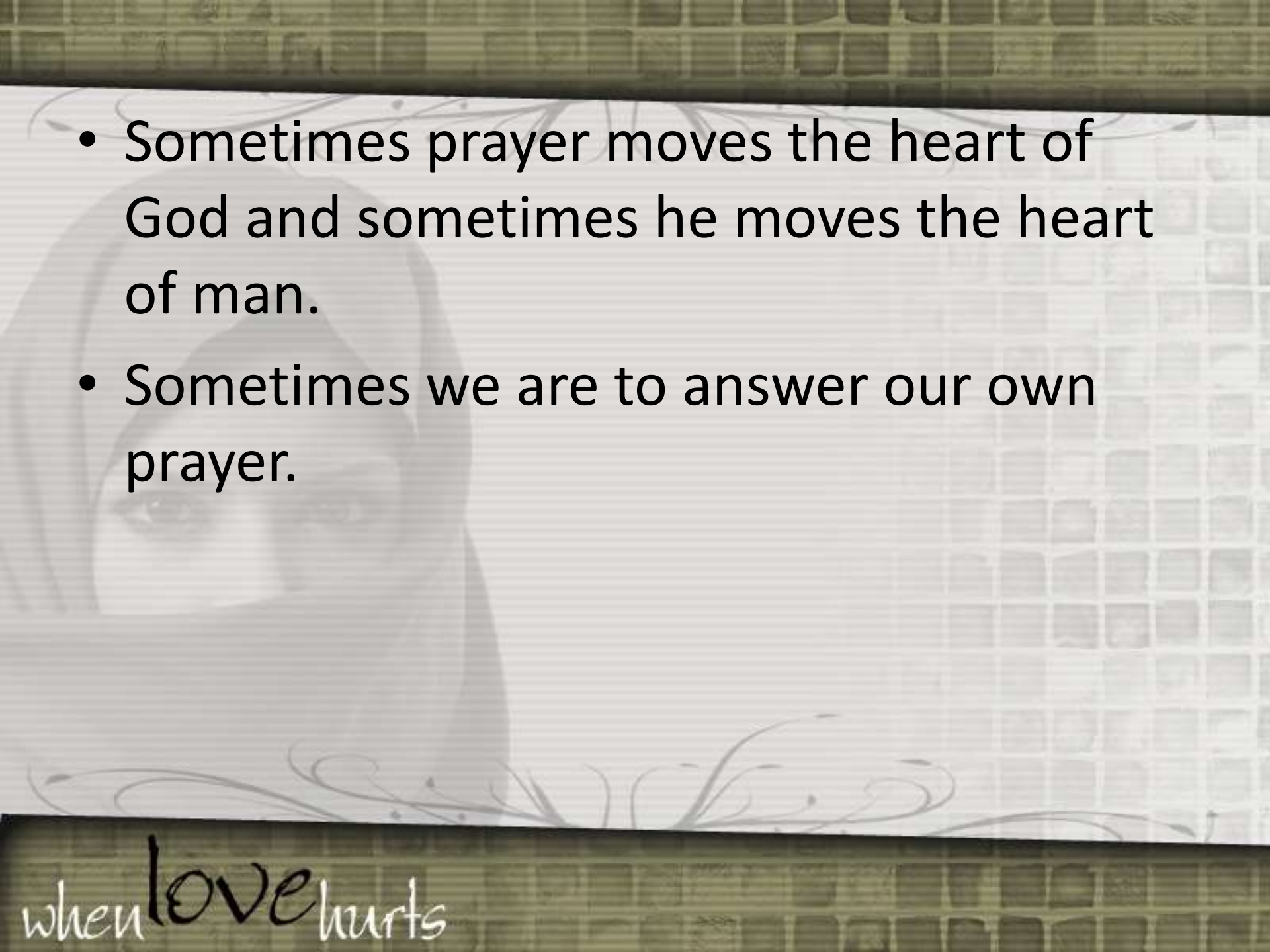
- **Matthew 1:5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab.**
- **Live YOUR life!**



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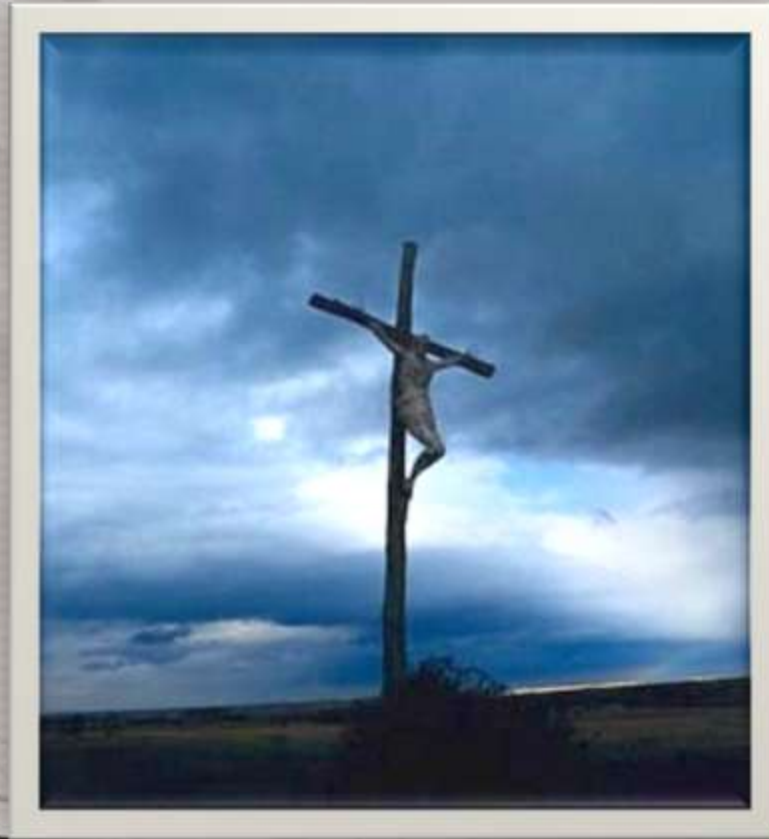
- Ruth 2:12-16 (**Boaz**) The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!”

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- Sometimes prayer moves the heart of God and sometimes he moves the heart of man.
 - Sometimes we are to answer our own prayer.

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- **Jesus answered his own prayer for us**



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