

THREE THINGS INVOLVED THAT HELPED RUTH MAKE HER CHOICE

1. DOCILITY

1. Docility is a desire and willingness to learn. A willingness to be taught.
2. We must be teachable, ready to learn. "Except ye be converted and become as little children," Jesus said. See Acts 9:6

2. DETACHMENT

1. She had to give up her home with all of its associations.
2. How strong are the ties of old associations, old sympathies, and friendships.
3. Giving up all of these we may say, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Matt. 8:19 and Luke 9:57

3. Determination

1. "Naomi saw that Ruth was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left off speaking unto her." Ruth 1:18

WHAT RUTH'S CHOICE WAS

1. "For whither thou goest, I will go." Ruth 1:16
 1. She had never been in the Land of Israel. She knew nothing first hand of its nature.
2. "Where thou lodgest, I will lodge." Ruth 1:16
 1. She made no conditions about the matter.
 2. It was not, I will go and inspect the house, the country, the people ETC and then make up my mind.
3. "Thy people shall be my people." Ruth 1:16
 1. These were the very people Ruth had been taught from her infancy to hate and despise.
4. "And thy God my God." Ruth 1:16
 1. Ruth was not content to be a secret idolater in the land, as too many often are.
5. "Where thou diest, will I die." Ruth 1:17
 1. Ruth had not thought of returning to her home land. She was not simply going to inspect the land. She was going to stay.
6. "And there will I be buried." Ruth 1:17
 1. When Ruth said, "And there will I be buried," she threw in her lot with Naomi and Naomi's people fully and finally.

WHAT HELPED RUTH TO MAKE THIS DECISION?

1. Her love for her mother-in-law, Naomi.
 1. It is not often that such attachment exist between any one and more especially a mother-in-law and her daughter-in-law.
2. What she saw in Naomi.
 1. She saw God through Naomi.
 2. She saw the land itself through Naomi.
 3. Ruth saw the whole Jewish nation through Naomi.

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