I. Ruth 1:1-18

- A. **Resolute** Marked by firm determination: resolved; bold, steady
- B. $\underline{V7}$ Went out from where she was.
 - 1. Two questions I believe God wants us to answer in 2018:
 - a) What do You (God) want me to want?
 - b) What do You (God) want me to stop?
 - 2. "On the way" Road, course of life, mode of action
 - a) Direction not Intention determines your destination
 - (1) <u>John 14:6</u> 6 Jesus said to him, "I am <u>the way</u>, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
 - b) If you don't change your course of life you will never change the destination of your life.

C. V8-9 - Along the way - Voice saying to go back

- 1. **Return** *shuwb* To turn back, retreat; back to the point of departure.
 - a) The desire for change has to be greater than the difficulty of change.
- D. <u>V10</u> "Surely <u>WE</u> will return with you..." Both said they would return.
- E. <u>V11-13</u> Rational discouragement
 - 1. <u>Turn back</u> *shuwb* Return, retreat; back to the point of departure
 - a) "To go somewhere else you have to leave where you are."
 - b) "To step into your destiny you may have to step away from your security"

F. <u>V14</u> - Same feelings, different response

- 1. Orpah kissed, Ruth clung
- 2. <u>Clung</u> *dabaq* To cling, stick to or adhere (noun form for glue); hold tightly or tenaciously
 - a) Gen 2:24 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and <u>be joined</u> (cleave) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

b)	2 Sam 23:10 10 He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his
	hand <u>stuck</u> (clung) to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day; and
	the people returned after him only to plunder.

G. <u>V15</u> - Final attempt to discourage

- 1. **V9** Mother and a husband's house Familiarity of the Known
- 2. **V11-13** No promise of a future Fear of the Unknown
- 3. V15 People and gods Identity and submission
 - a) We are never really submitting until we do something against our will

H. <u>V16-17</u> - **Ruth's response**

1. **Entreat** - paga - To press, urge or push

I. $\underline{V18}$ - Resolute

1.	1. <u>Determined</u> - <i>amats</i> - To be strong, firm, courageous, brave, bold, persistent. to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of opposition: to remain unchanged or fixed						