



EPISODE GUIDE

PODCAST #461: "BROKEN PIECES" BY AMANDA NOLAN

Bible

Read or listen to the entire Book of Ruth five different times. Each time, consider one thing to keep your antenna up for. 1. Names of people; 2. Places; 3. *Chesed* often translated "kindness" 4. Turning or returning; 5. Emptiness to fullness

Interact

Read this narrative as you would watch a movie. Recognize the foreshadowing from scene to scene. Let the drama build. Read slow enough that you immerse yourself in the story. But don't forget the characters were real people -- have empathy for them..

Tool

Follow the cross-references to get an understanding of the historical context. Read parts of Judges to see what it was like then (17:6; 21:25). Learn about Moab's history in Numbers 22-25. Learn about the role of kinsman-redeemer in Leviticus 25.

Exercise

Make a chart of the characteristics of the places described in Ruth (Moab vs. Bethlehem). Link the characteristics to Christ (apart from Christ vs. in Christ). Detail where you are living in Moab (the world) and in what ways you need to return to Christ.