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Topic: No turning back

Text: Ruth 1:1-18

1. As we go through our Christian journey, we must not grow weary nor apathetic in living for Jesus. Persecutions are expected, but we should not let them cause us to stray away. It is needful for all of us to ask ourselves if we will one day turn away from following the Lord Jesus Christ. In the book of Ruth, there were two ladies put to the test.
2. Ruth and Orpah went through a great trial when their husbands died. They had to make a decision whether they would follow Naomi back to Bethlehem (in Israel). Although they lived in a period of great spiritual decline, where every man did what was right in their own eyes, it was no excuse for any wrong decision made. Their decision will reveal where their loyalty lies. If they decide to go to Bethlehem, they will be foreigners and widows there and hence likely their seeds will end there. This appears to be a bad decision.
3. Because of all these earthly circumstances, Orpah decided to return to Moab and followed the false gods there. But Ruth decided to wholeheartedly follow Naomi. She was willing to be an Israelite because Naomi's God was the true and living God. She was also willing to die there. Her loyalty was to the true and living God. This shows that if our loyalty is to people or things, we will desert Christ one day. But if our loyalty is to God, nothing can ever separate us from Him.

*Will ye also go away (John 6:66)?*