



ALL IN - The Fall of the House of Elimelech  
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Key Passage: Ruth 1:1-5

*"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."(Judges 21:25)*

Is Elimelech in any way responsible for the disaster that befalls his family?

- Elimelech had a crisis of trust, specifically in the character of God.
  - *hesed* (חֶסֶד) - God's extraordinary loyalty and gracious devotion to those whom he calls his own
- Elimelech chose to seize control of the leadership of his own life.
  - Questions Elimelech should have asked:
    - What does the Bible say on this matter?
    - How does this decision conform with the moral will of God?
- Heedless of God and his will, Elimelech stepped out from under God's protection, his wing of refuge.

In contrast to Elimelech, God invites us to trust him and depend upon his *hesed*.

- If you seek to trust God more, fortify your mind as to the nature of his character.
  - "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." (A.W. Tozer)
  - Lamentations 3:21-23
- Then with hope and patient endurance, seek to live your life within the bounds of the land of promise.

