

**“Do We Make Choices or Do Our Choices Make Us?”**  
**(Ruth 1:6-18)**

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- 1. We can choose where to live. (6-7)**
  - Naomi chose to go back to Bethlehem—her roots.
  
- 2. We can choose to bless others. (8-13)**
  - Naomi chose to her daughters-in-law’s security over her own.
  
- 3. We can choose happiness or bitterness. (13; 19-22)**
  - Helen Keller chose happiness!
  
- 4. We can choose whom to cling to. (14-15)**
  - Ruth chose to cling to Naomi.
  
- 5. We can choose to change our future by making wise promises. (16-17)**
  - “Promises create islands of security  
In tomorrows oceans of uncertainty.” - Lewis Smedes