

Title: "Failure to Launch"

Text: Recap of Ruth 1-2

Target: What if you were to step outside of the spaces that you currently reside and occupy only to discover that you have failed to do what you were called to do, and be what you were called to be? Would you have the courage to reengage, the courage to redirect, and the courage to reclaim what God wanted to be said about the impact of your life?

Teaching Principles: Four Foundational Pillars of Biblical Manhood.

I. Reclaim your Name: *"the name of the man was **Elimelech**" (Vs. 2)*

- a. Power in a Name: "My God is King"**
- b. Purpose in a Name: (Judges 2:11, Judges 21:25)**
 - Provides Aim
 - Provides Accountability

II. Refuse Compromise: *"in the country of Moab" (Vs. 1)*

Key Verse: *"For we walk by **faith**, not by **sight**" 2 Corinthians 5:7*

An address in Moab always begins with: *"sojourn in the country of Moab...remained there....lived there about 10 years" (Vs. 2-4)*

- a. Begins with an Observation:** Just a look!
- b. Battle with an Obsession:** What if?
- c. Beg to Obtain:** Got to try it!
- d. Build to Occupy:** Can't live without it!

III. Reliable Accountability: (Vs. 1-5) The obvious in these verses is not what was written, but what is unwritten. There is no other names included that stopped the move to Moab.

- a. Calls out to you:** Serves as an example (Titus 2:7)
- b. Calls out from you:** Speaks into existence (Romans 12:10)
- c. Calls out in you:** Shares unmet expectation (Prov. 27:17)

IV. Reject Passivity: I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. (Vs. 21)

Definition: Choosing to be indifferent or apathetic via silence or stepping back in choices, circumstances, or community.

Key Verse: Genesis 3:6: *she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*

- a. **Faith: (Not Occasional or Marginal)** There was no temple in Moab and 50 miles back to Bethlehem. (Hebrews 10:25)
- b. **Family (Not Preoccupied or Absent)** Naming of their sons Mahlon and Chilion (Deut. 6:7-9) and marrying of Moabite women Orpah and Ruth (Numbers 22-25)
- c. **Finances: (Not Immediate or Temporal)** *“return... to your mother’s house... the house of your (future) husband ” (Vs. 8-9)*

Take Away: Liz Calvillo Remarks: _____

