

OUT OF CONTROL

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

Ruth 1:1 (NIV) *In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.*

Ruth 1:2 (NIV) *The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.*

Ruth 1:3 (NIV) *Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.*

We typically control two broad categories: people and circumstances.

The more that we try to control, the more we fear losing control.

Who or what are you trying to control where God is calling you to trust?

1. Is it worth it?
2. Is it my responsibility to control?
3. Do I take control when I need to trust God?

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*