



WHAT
ABOUT
ME?

D.W.D.

I'm so lonely.

How long have I
been here?

Three weeks.

Where's your
family?

I... don't have any.

Father
Mikel

—Oh, that's right.
You only visit those
who put a lot in the
offering plate!

Doesn't God
care about poor
people?!



Hello. I was visiting in the next room and I couldn't help overhearing.

Was I that loud? I'm sorry. Please, come in. I'm Angie.



So what's the problem?

I'm too poor to pay for a priest.

He sees everyone else. I guess God doesn't have time for me.

God's not like that. In fact...

If you want God —then you are
just the person He's looking for.

May I tell you
a story?

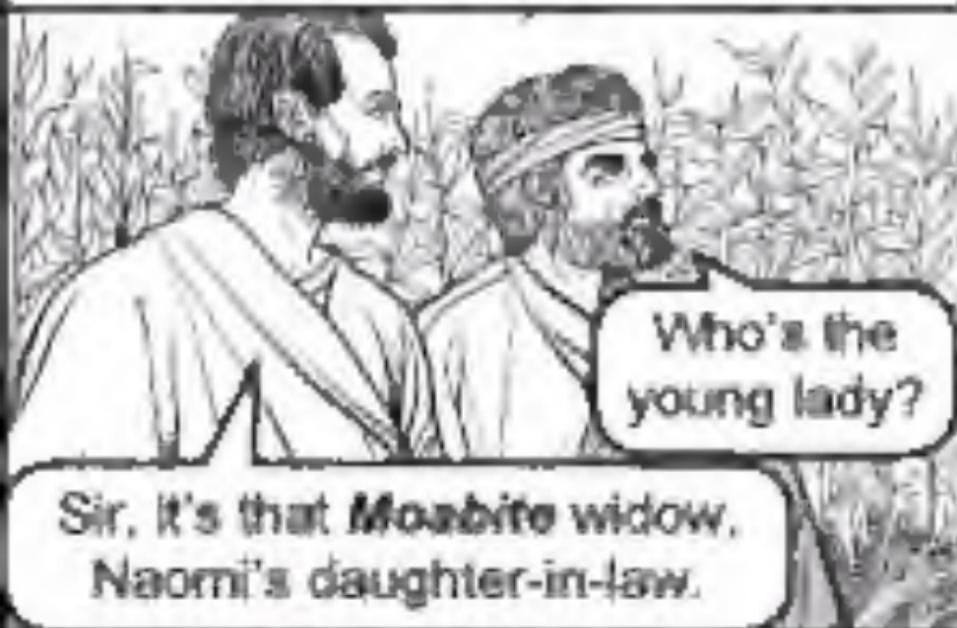
Be my guest.

Many years ago, a poor woman
moved to a country that didn't like
her kind.



Her name was Ruth. She was
recently widowed and came with
her widowed mother-in-law.

For Ruth and her mother-in-law to survive, she had to pick up the grain left by the harvesters.



Sir, it's that Moabite widow, Naomi's daughter-in-law.

The Moabites were frequently at war against these Hebrews.



*See Deuteronomy 23:3

How could Ruth expect to be treated?

Boaz, however, was different.

Work only in my field. None of the men will touch you.



Ruth was overwhelmed.

Sir, I-I am a foreigner...

Why are you being so kind to me?

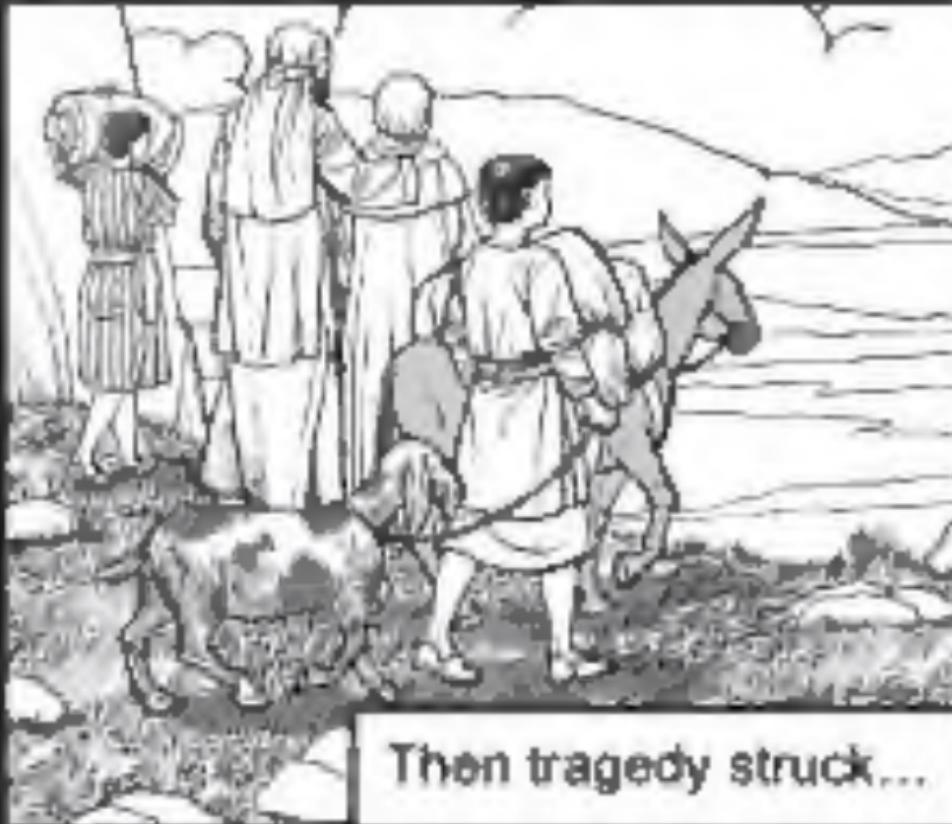


I've heard all that you did for your mother-in-law, since your husband died.



Boaz remembered the famine that had hit Israel years earlier.

Naomi and her family had left Israel for greener pastures.



Then tragedy struck...

**Naomi's husband, Elimelech,
died while they were in Moab.**



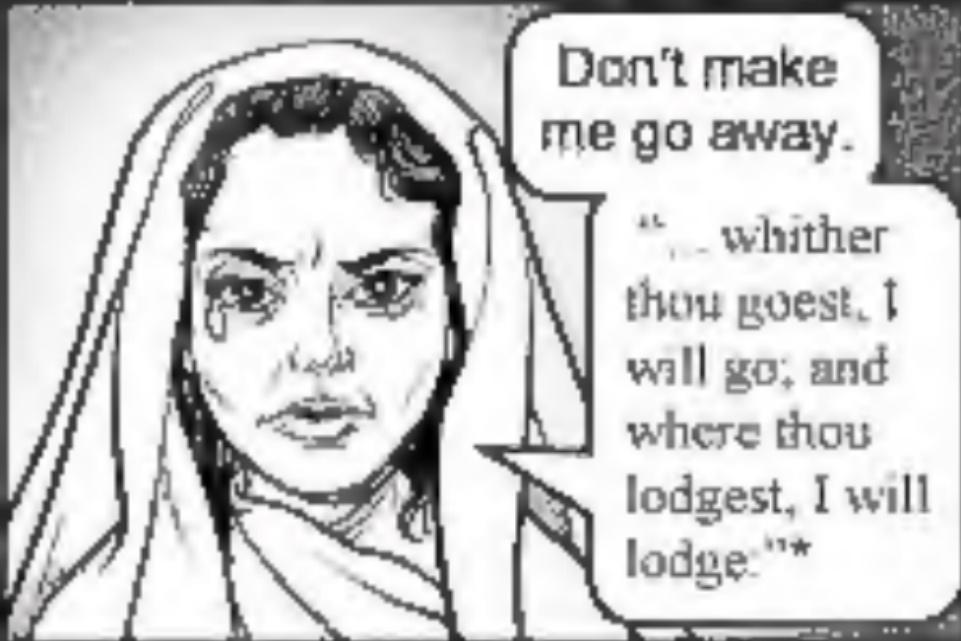
**But Naomi cheered up when
her sons, Mahlon and Chilion,
married Ruth and Orpah.**

**They were married for ten
years. Then more tragedy:
Mahlon and Chilion also died.**



**With no one to care for her,
Naomi had to return to Israel.**

Orpah returned to her family.
But Ruth had made up her mind.



Then she took a bold step
of faith and pledged...

"... thy people shall
be my people, and
thy God my God."



Ruth abandoned the gods of Moab
to place her faith in Naomi's God.

Boaz had learned how Ruth had decided to help Naomi.

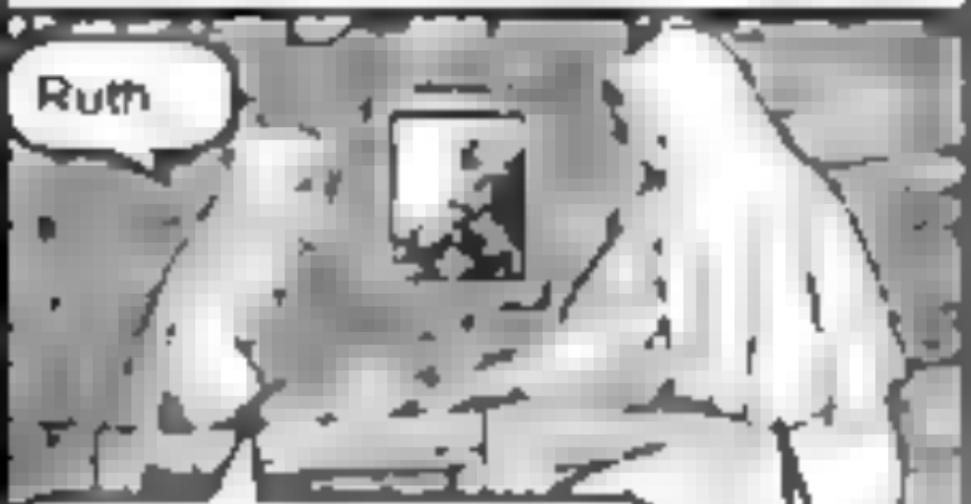


But Boaz also did his part, to make sure Ruth was well provided for.



But he never dreamed of how God would provide for *Him!*

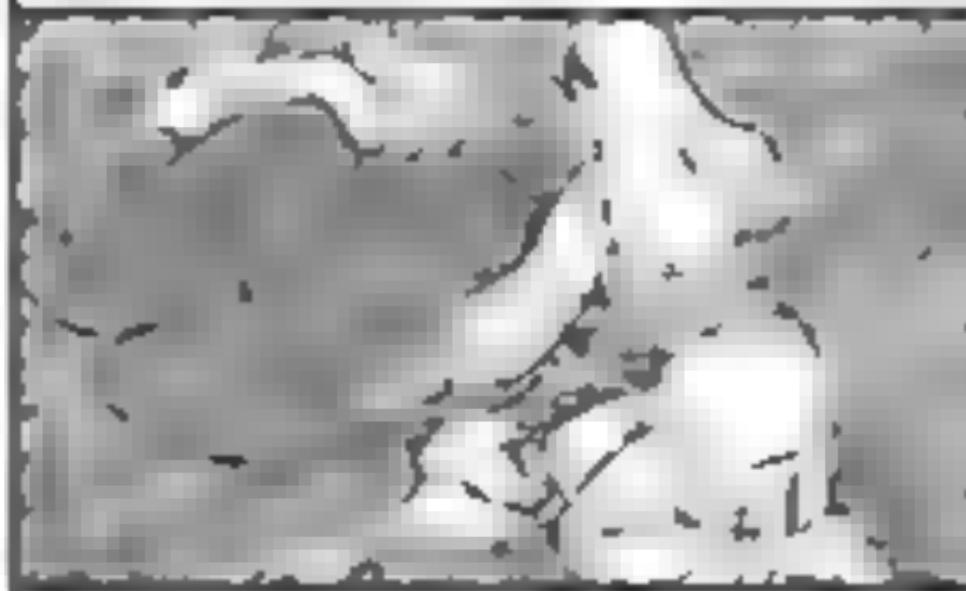
Ruth and Naomi lived on the extra food. But what would they do after harvest? One day



Ruth
You need a husband
I need to sell my land
And Boaz is our relative

What shall I do?

Naomi had Ruth find where Boaz slept on the last night of harvest. So she crept up



and uncovered Boaz's feet in the cool night air. Then she waited

At midnight, Boaz was startled awake by the cold... and a woman!



Who are you?

I am Ruth

You're a close relative of my husband.
Please do your family duty for me.

She was asking him to marry her!
Now Boaz was overwhelmed.



"Blessed be
thou of the
LORD" **

*Ruth 3:10

You chose me over the young
men. There's just one problem.



I'm not
your
closest
relative

If he does his
family duty fine
But if not I'll do
what you ask



The next day Boaz gathered 10
elders then called over his relative

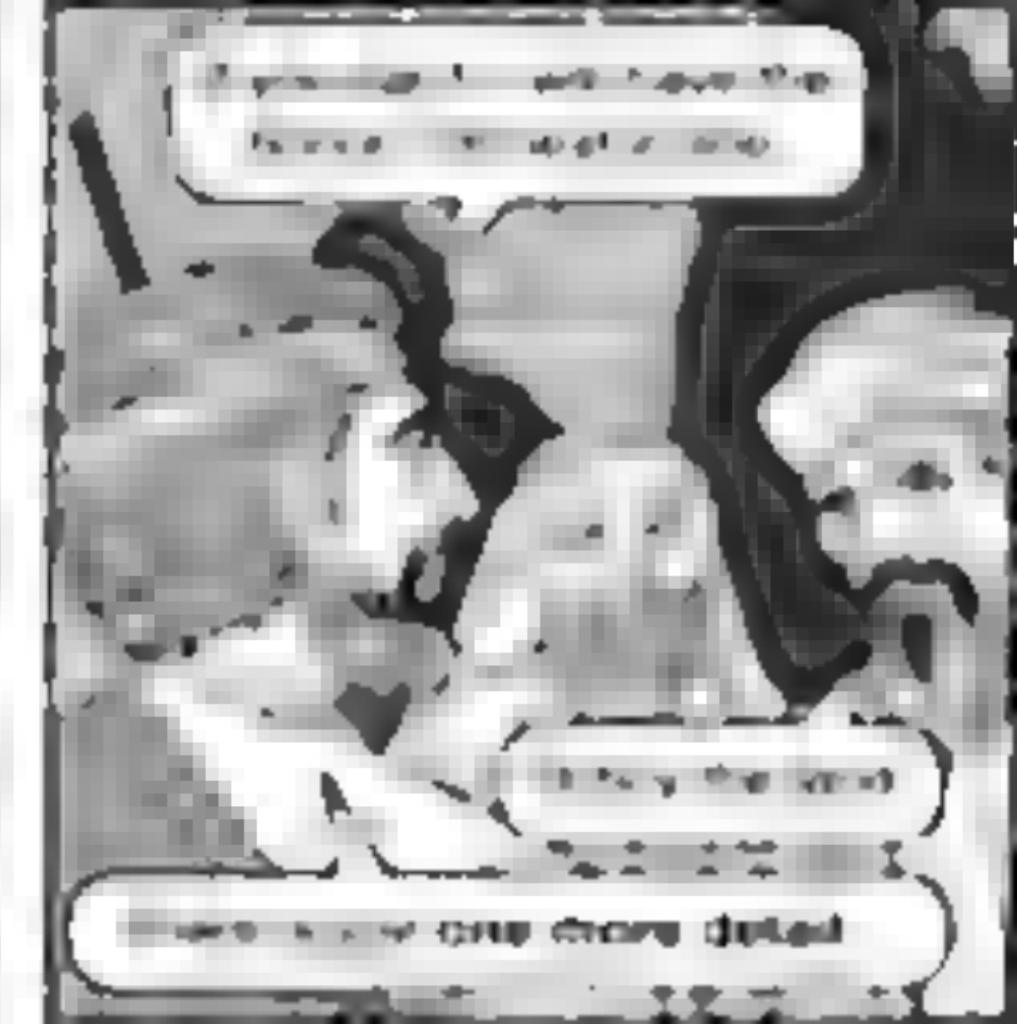
Come sit down!
Help me settle a
family matter!

Of course

Boaz set his plan in motion



The deer trap was set enough so
the traps catch deer.



After the deer trap were baited

You must also marry Ruth to raise up a son

who will inherit her husband's land *

OOPS! That's a problem

I'd ask my inheritance! Here You take the honor

I will

*The closest Hebrew male relative had to do this. See Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

Boaz married Ruth the outsider who trusted God. You see it doesn't matter where we come from.



What matters is who
we put our *faith* in

No one's ever been
that nice to me
But why would a
rich man like Boaz
take n a **foreigner**
like that?

Because of what had
happened to his *mother*



She was a former
prostitute

Oh? Tell me about her!

Sure She lived n a house
on the wall of Jericho and
believed in the Hebrews God

And now two spies had told her
what God was about to do



Her first thought was
for her family's safety

Everything she knew was
about to come tumbling down

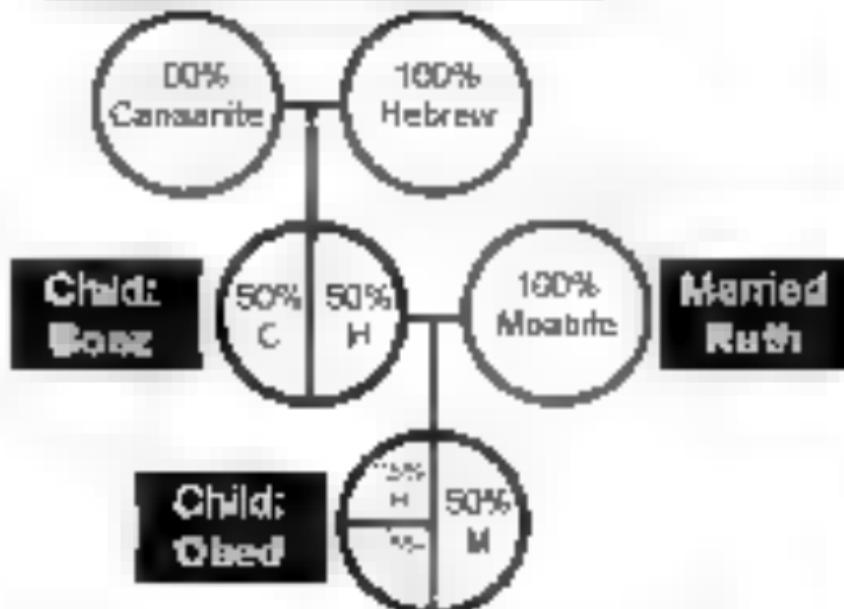


The God of the Hebrews is
going to destroy Jencho



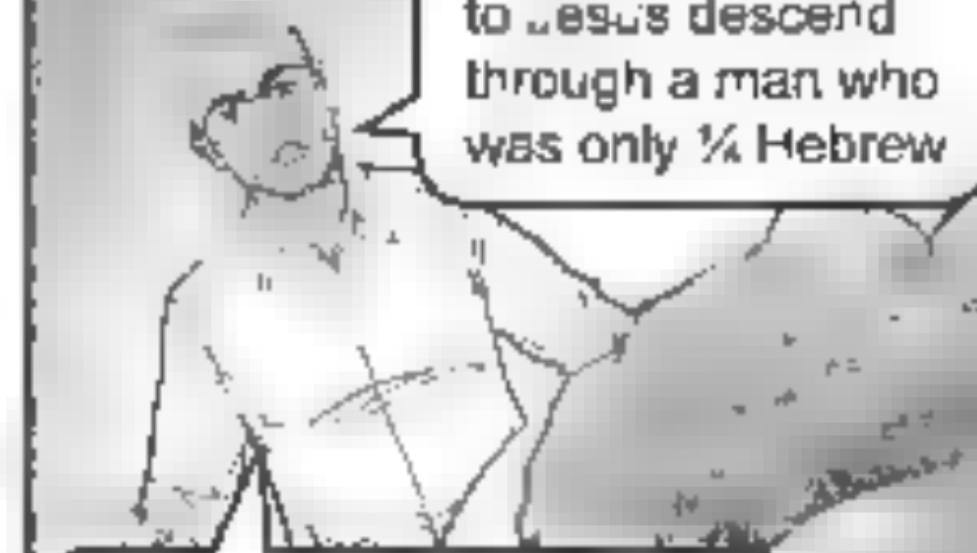
But God wasn't done blessing
Rahab and her descendants

Rahab Married Salmon



Obed was ancestor to King David. In the line of Jesus Christ Mat 1:6-16 Lk 3:23-31

Israel's kings down
to Jesus descend
through a man who
was only $\frac{1}{4}$ Hebrew



and through a Canaanite
harlot and a Moabitess

Then it's true God doesn't care
where we came from

We all have sinned and deserve God's judgment.* None of our good works can change that. But God offers us complete forgiveness through the once-for-all sacrifice of His Son.**



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

*Romans 3:23

**Hebrews 10:10-14

Jesus shed His precious blood to pay for all our sins. Then He died and was buried and rose again, for us!

Do you want Jesus enough to trust in Him with all your heart?

Oh,
yes!

Then tell Him so.
I'll pray with you.

Okay...

Angie placed her faith in Jesus, and He saved her.

Later:

What a blessing
you happened by.

You sound like my son. I
haven't seen him in years.

Well, I didn't just happen by...

I've searched for years. I just recognized your voice. I know I've changed a lot, but...



"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you
are a sinner? YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died
to pay for your sins? YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you YES NO
and come into your heart?

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

