

While I give retreats with many different themes as well as speak at a variety of women's events, *The Ruth Experience* is by far my most popular presentation. I go through the story of Ruth in costume in the first person and the effect is like having a personal conversation with a friend. I weave Jewish history and Jewish tradition through the story while being careful to stay true to the scripture. Each Ruth presentation ends with a careful explanation of what was biblical truth. I also present how Ruth's story is a picture of Christ and the church.

The Ruth Experience can be presented as a one day retreat or a full weekend retreat with the options of small group questions, an extended quiet time with written materials to draw women closer to Jesus, and a Saturday night worship and communion service. The following were comments following a Ruth Experience retreat given for Trinity United Presbyterian Church:

"Opened my eyes to God's plan."

"Engaging!"

"Insights into Jewish culture brought Ruth to life."

"...inspired our love for our Lord and His Word."

"Thank you for opening my eyes to God's amazing plan."

"...truly blessed..."

"...full of redemptive truth and hope."

"I learned so much."

"Beautiful enlightenment!"

"Your portrayal of Ruth gave so much depth to the story."

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