## A reading from the Book of Ruth 1 1: 16-18

And Ruth said,
"Wherever you go I will go,
and wherever you live I will live;
your people shall be my people,
and your God, my God;
wherever you die I will die, and there I will be buried.
And may the Lord deal severely me if even death should come
between us".

## This is the word of the Lord

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