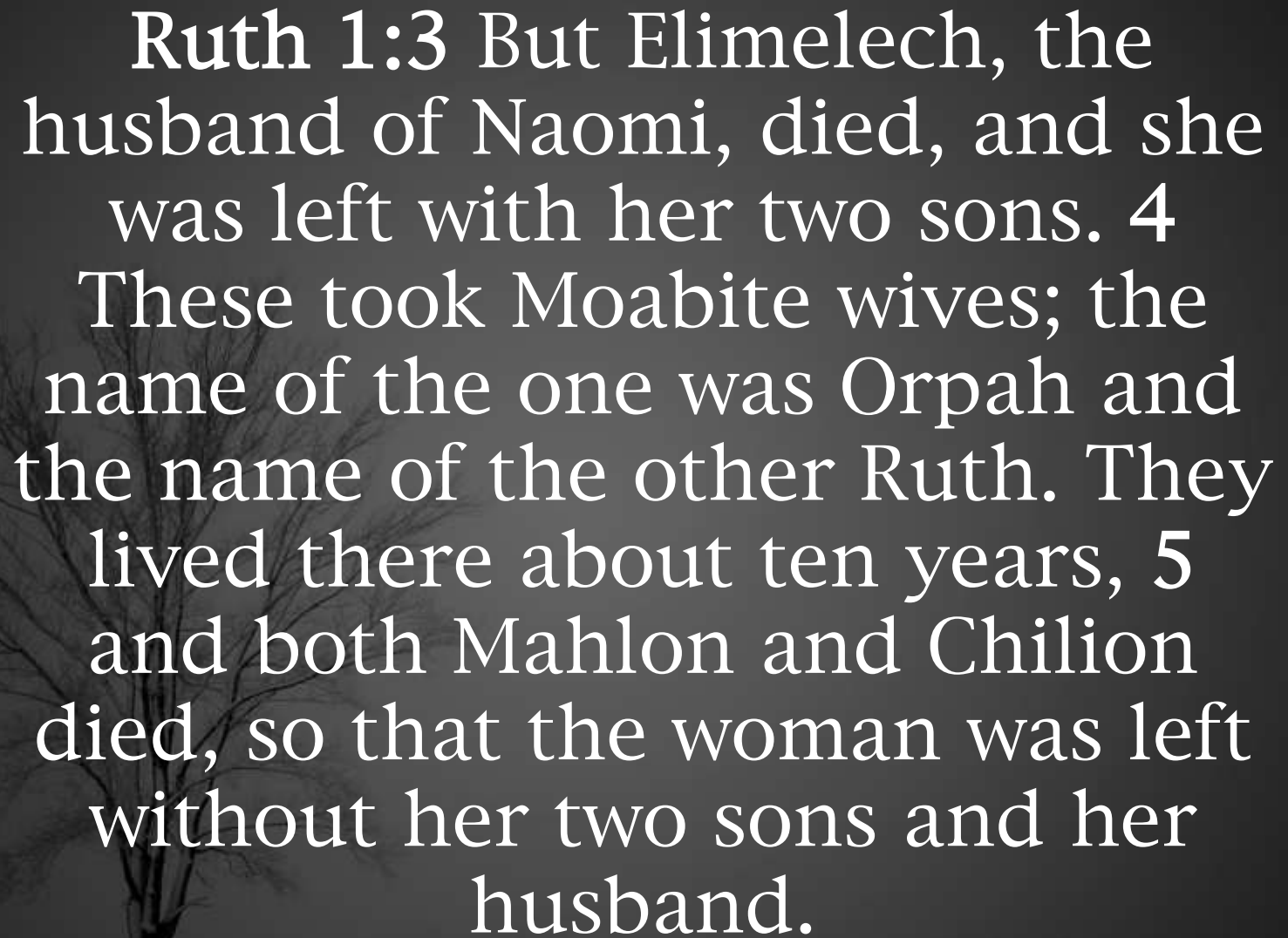


Faith
in the
midst of
Bitterness

Ruth - The Road to Redemption

Ruth 1:1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.



Ruth 1:3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, **5** and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

A black and white photograph of a large, bare tree standing in a snowy field under a pale sky. The tree is the central focus on the left side of the image, with its intricate branches reaching out. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, and the background is a flat, light-colored expanse, possibly a field or a plain, extending to a low horizon line. The overall mood is quiet and somber.

#1 - *When*
Promise
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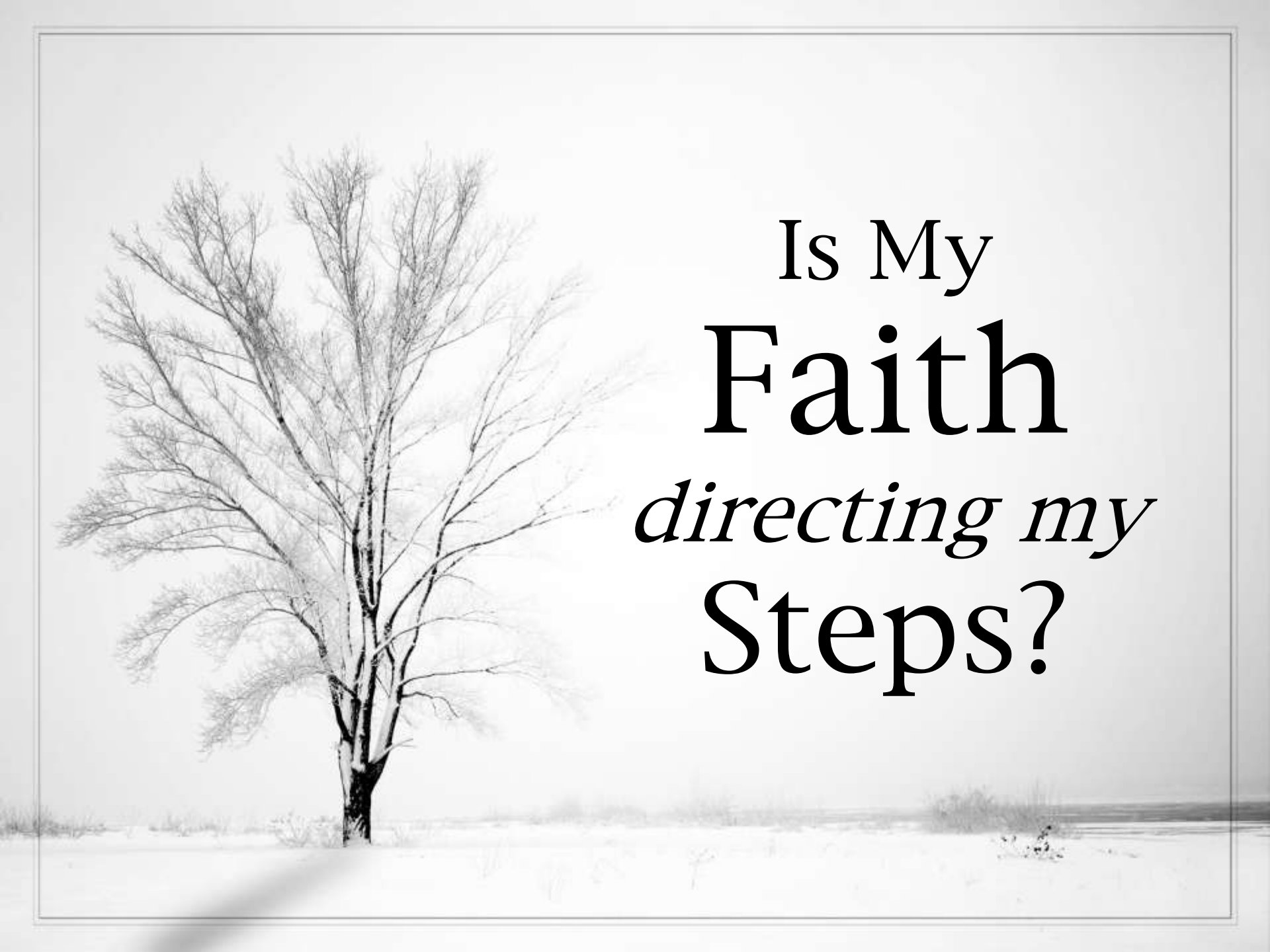
#2 - *When*
Faith
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Ruth 1:15 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."



A black and white photograph of a large, bare tree standing in a snowy field under a bright sky. The tree is the central focus on the left side of the image, with its intricate branches reaching out. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, and the background is a vast, open landscape with a few distant trees and a clear horizon line.

#3 - *When*
Faith
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Steps

A black and white photograph of a large, bare tree standing in a snowy field under a bright sky. The tree is the central focus on the left side of the image, with its intricate branches reaching out. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, and the background is a bright, overcast sky. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Is My
Faith
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