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Exegetical Paper #2 Outline
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Ruth 1:15-18
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.”**18** And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Introduction
- “And she said”- Who is “she”? Who are Naomi and Ruth?

Context
- What is the geographical context? Why is this significant?
- “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods;”- Who is the sister-in-law? -What does “her gods” mean in Old Testament context? What are the practices of the day with respect to family relations when there is a death of this kind? In Israel? In the Ancient Near East?

Content/Dialogue
- “Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried” what are the customs,beliefs and practices of death in Israel? In the Ancient Near East?
- “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 die I will die, and there I will be buried.”” This phrase has repetition. What type of repetition is this and what is the significance? How does it bring meaning to what she is saying and to the story as a whole?
- “May the Lord” What does this mean and what is the significance?
- “Death parts me from you” What is Ruth saying here? What does this mean in Old Testament context? What is the significance of this statement?
- “She said no more”-Who is the narrator in this part? What type of story telling is this and what is the genre? How is this important to this part of the passage? To the story as a whole? What is the significance of these words?

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