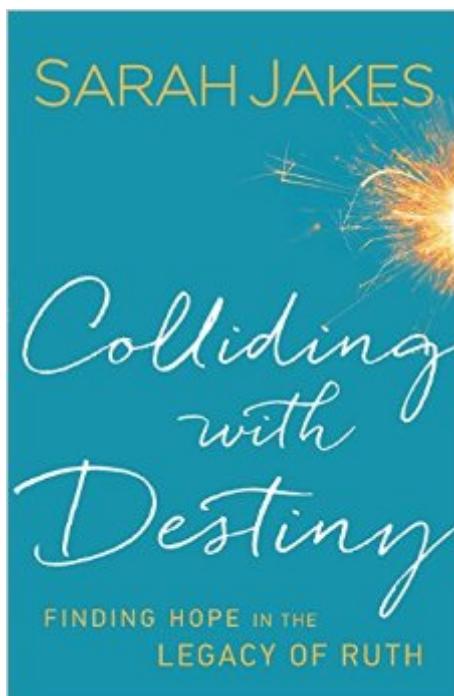


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# Colliding With Destiny: Finding Hope In The Legacy Of Ruth



## Synopsis

Inspiring Motivational Message for Women from Sarah Jakes Ruth's life is a journey of transformation. Allowing God to transform her circumstances, Ruth went from a widow excluded from society to a wife with a secure and protected future, one that paved the way for the birth of King David. Her story is full of collisions, but she never let her past define her. Instead, the most painful time of her life became her most pivotal, propelling her to a destiny she'd never imagined. Many women experience struggles and disappointments that keep them from being their true selves. But as you follow Ruth's life, you will discover the hope available to every woman.

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This book was provided to me free of charge from the publisher in exchange for my honest review. I've always loved the story of Ruth. It's the story of a patient, self-sacrificing, kind woman who, while working to take care of someone else, finds love and security from a man who admires her for her faithfulness and determination. So I was intrigued to read this devotional about that woman's life. The format of this book was excellent. Thirty short chapters make it an easy one-month devotional. There were just a few journal questions at the end of each chapter. While I didn't actually journal my way through this book, they were still good to read and take pause, a moment to help digest the chapter and apply it to my life. While I liked Jakes's writing, there were times that I felt she was extrapolating quite a bit to make a point. In my mind, this book could have used a larger dose of Ruth, as most of the chapters opened with a couple of verses from Ruth, and

then a story just from random life. The Jakes would spend a few paragraphs connecting that story to the couple of verses from Ruth, and that was where sometimes things got a little shaky. For instance, this passage - "Ruth learned quickly that her arrival into a strange land acquired the attention of many. As a new convert, she may have faced some speculation on the validity of her faith. Perhaps they even questioned her motives. Why would a young woman stay with this aging, grief-stricken woman? What would motivate her to wander out into the fields, looking for leftover grain in someone else's fields? Surely she must be up to something. What was her game?" The rumors spread so rapidly that everyone knew her story before getting to know her.

Colliding with Destiny: Finding Hope in the Legacy of Ruth by Sarah Jakes is a book about not letting our past and what we are going through affect our destiny. The book breaks down the story of Ruth so that we can understand the struggles and pain that she ultimately had to endure on her journey to her destiny. Lately, I've been seeing a lot of posts on Facebook of people asking "Where is my Boaz?" • But have they ever stopped to think about what Ruth had to endure to receive her blessing? Have we ever stopped to read her entire story or do we want the Boaz without enduring the pain? I loved the fluidity of this book. At first, I wasn't a fan of the two-page chapters, but once I understood why she did it that way, it flowed with ease. Each chapter ends with at least 4 or 5 journal questions for reflection as well as a prayer. It seems as though she wrote it that way to be used in study sessions as well. I can say I learned more about Ruth's legacy and journey than I ever have. Her legacy reminds us to not let our past mistakes or life losses alter the course that God has already paved for us by giving up. If He can do it for Ruth, surely he can transform our circumstances today. Ms. Jakes' subsequent work hits a home run for me. If you want to know more about Ruth's legacy, if you believe God can't use or bless you because of your past, or even if you have lost loved ones and think you can't go on, this book is for you. "In the moment, it's hard to see outside of the pain. Only when you dare to try to heal will you discover the purpose for your pain." (Jakes) I would encourage every women to read this book as it is important to know the past before we can move on to the future. Mrs.

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