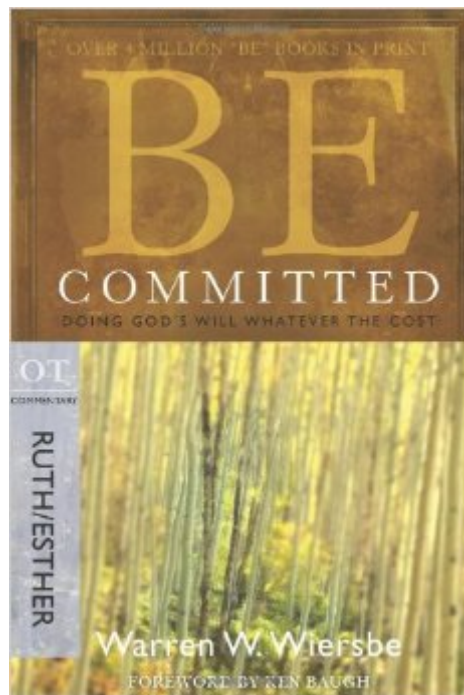


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# Be Committed (Ruth & Esther): Doing God's Will Whatever The Cost (The BE Series Commentary)



## Synopsis

One was a foreigner and a peasant. The other, a reluctant queen to a man she hardly knew. But their stories have one thing in common: A remarkable faith committed to doing God's will. For both Ruth and Esther, God used stressful circumstances to bring about his eternal purposes. Ruth's commitment to the God of Naomi affected every generation to come, as she became an ancestor of King David and more importantly, Jesus Christ. Esther's obedience led to the preservation of her people at a moment in history when all seemed lost. The stories of Ruth and Esther will make you contemplate: Would I trust God enough to do what they did? Go chapter by chapter through the books of Ruth and Esther to see how the lives of these two remarkable women epitomize the type of faith that glorifies God. As you read, ask yourself: How does God want to use my faithful commitment? Will he use your life to affect the generations to come, or will he use your life to impact the current generation? Either way, author Warren Wiersbe helps you to be prepared and be committed to God's will no matter what the cost.

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## Customer Reviews

In looking for a Bible study text to offer this fall one of our ladies offered her suggestion of Be Committed by Warren Wiersbe. Before I could finish her copy, I ordered my own so I might make personal notes as I was reading. There is so much helpful information I wanted to come back to. This is an insightful, realistic look at faithfulness when life's circumstances are quite difficult. Both

Ruth and Esther as women of their era stood firm in their faith in the face of an unknown future; Esther knowing full well her choice of action might mean her death (could we do the same today if needed?). I feel this study is applicable in the present situation we find the world in today. We are called to be faithful and this book is uplifting and encourages us to step out in boldness and put our trust in Christ, not humanity.

Ruth and Esther are the only books in the Bible named after women. Both were extraordinary people of great faith and courage – history makers, world changers, role models. Both began their stories as nobodies. Both were faithful and loyal. Both were divinely promoted. Throughout their stories, you can trace the hand of God as He works behind the scenes to accomplish His plan. Warren Wiersbe has the uncanny ability to put you smack dab in the middle of a Bible story as if you were one of the characters: you feel what they felt, understand their motives, and gain new insights for how to live your own life. Though I was very familiar with the stories of Ruth and Esther, I felt as if I were reading them for the very first time. I sympathized with their plights, captivated by their circumstances. It was like discovering a new world, as if I were putting on 3D glasses and experiencing an old, favorite movie for the first time again. This book and all of the books in the “Be” series work well for personal devotions or in a discussion group. There are several questions at the end of each chapter to get the conversation started.

Not what I would expect from Wiersbe. Full of personal opinions and totally off the wall remarks. As an example (in Esther) he goes off on a discussion about the evils of drinking. Then he determines what he thinks to be the Lord’s teaching about drinking. In Ruth he makes determinations that in my opinion needed more thought and cultural research.

I was personally disappointed in the pastor’s insight. In the first place there is no hint that Naomi had run from God’s will. In those days a woman was as a servant in many respects. The man was head of the house and responsible for his decisions. If he had made the decision to leave Bethlehem, what was his wife to do? Leave him? Have a fit? Demand to go to fast food or else. Really? I think this book needs a spiritual insight as well as the reality of the times. Yes, many lessons can be gleaned from Ruth. But I found most of the insight was about Naomi failure. (to measure up to today’s expectations) who took the family where? And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Warren Wiersbe is one of my very favorite authors, Christian and otherwise. His studies always present a new perspective on a topic or a Scripture. *Be Committed (Ruth and Esther)*, is no exception. Wiersbe opens up the text and shines a light not only the women Ruth and Esther, but also on the social morals of the times, including the place of women in Biblical culture. In Ruth, we see personal transformation. In Esther, it's social transformation. Because of Wiersbe, I've gained a new and expanded understanding of commitment and living a life of purpose. *Be Committed* earns 5 stars. Make sure to have a Bible handy as this is a study that references and explains Ruth and Esther.

Has some wonky theology that borders on prosperity gospel. Also, pretty elementary questions for study. Rather than introspective or thought provoking they're more "what did the book say about this topic?"

This is an excellent Bible study for women. We were not always treated as equals. We often did not have the same rights as men. But God was able to use several women to show us that we too are valued by Him.

Warren Wiersbe writes in a common down to earth style that offers great explanation to the scriptures. This book featuring two Godly women rounds out their stories with details of the culture of the day. It is inspiring reading.

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