

🇬🇧 English Version - SSSSB Story 004b: **Faith and Compassion Through a Father's Loan** [13+years]



Once upon a time, there was a 15-year-old girl named Ruth and her 7-year-old brother Patrick. Their parents were both very sick and could no longer work.

Sister Ruth sold tomatoes in the market to take care of small brother Patrick and support her parents. With this small business, she paid for food, medicine, school fees, and house rent.

One morning, while arranging her tomatoes, a man around 40 years old stopped in front of her stand and said: "Good morning Ruth, daughter of my friend."

Sister Ruth replied politely: "Good morning sir."

The man continued: "Your father and I were close friends. Some time ago, he borrowed 2,500 dollars from me, but he has not yet repaid it. Now I urgently need the borrowed money back."

Shocked, Sister Ruth asked: "Uncle, do you have proof?"

The man showed her the papers, and she realized that her father had truly borrowed the money.

With tears in her eyes, she prayed: "Oh Lord Jesus Christ / Bhagwan Baba, have mercy on me. I am only a small tomato seller taking care of my little brother and my sick parents. Please help me Lord."

Then she said: "Uncle, please give me some time. I promise to work hard and repay the money little by little."

The man became silent after seeing Sister Ruth's honesty and suffering.

Sister Ruth now asks us: **What would you do if you were in my situation?**

*Share your answer based on your own experiences, thoughts, and feelings.*