



**Sermon Outline**  
**July 2, 2023**  
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**Ruth:**  
**Daughter-in-law**  
**devoted to God**

\* **Ruth is a remarkable story of \_\_\_\_\_ and the faithfulness of God.**

\* **In the first 5 verses of Ruth 1 we discover that Naomi's entire world had fallen apart:**

- **It appeared all was \_\_\_\_\_.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **had vanished.**
- **Only \_\_\_\_\_ remained.**

**Ruth 1:13b** - No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!

*\* Even though it was her family that turned their back on Him, Naomi declares that God had turned His back on her.*

**Proverbs 19:3** - A person's own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the Lord.

\* **When Naomi declared that God had no loyal love for her, Ruth displayed loyal love as she made one of the most destiny \_\_\_\_\_ decisions in human history.**

**Ruth 1:16** - But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and **your God my God.**"

\* **Ruth surveyed the circumstances and decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself with the God of Naomi.**

**Ruth 2:11** - Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before."

\* **Boaz recognized that Ruth had placed herself under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the God of Israel.**

**Ruth 2:12** - May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

\* **Even though God's rarely mentioned, He was working behind the scenes to bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of bitter.**

\* **Life will throw \_\_\_\_\_ experiences our way.**

*\* We live in a broken world that contains sickness, disease, and accidents, as well as broken people experiencing broken relationships.*

\* **Bitter experiences mess with our sense of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 22:1** - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

\* **Bitter experiences do not need to \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

*"Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional. We cannot avoid pain, but we can avoid joy."* - **Tim Hansel**

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9** - We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

\* **Just because something isn't part of your life plan doesn't mean it's not part of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*\* Maybe we should stop asking God to \_\_\_\_\_ of difficult circumstances and start asking Him what **He wants us to get out** of those difficult circumstances.*

**Lamentations 3:22-23** - Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*\* Hope is the practice of \_\_\_\_\_ God's loyal love is true for my situation right now and the future.*