

Relentless in the Upside Down

Ruth 1

At some point in your life everything will turn upside down and you've got to remember that God is relentlessly working behind the scenes.

Life was flipped upside down in an instant. Vs 1-5
1 And it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. **2** And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. **3** And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. **4** And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten years. **5** And Mahlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband.

God still works in an upside down world. Vs 6-7
6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that Jehovah had visited his people in giving them bread. **7** And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the

way to return unto the land of Judah.

Deep Connection, made all the difference in the upside down. Vs. 8-18

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: Jehovah deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. **9** Jehovah grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. **10** And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people. **11** And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? **12** Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have a husband to-night, and should also bear sons; **13** would ye therefore tarry till they were grown? would ye therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters, for it grieveth me much for your sakes, for the hand of Jehovah is gone forth against me. **14** And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her. **15** And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god: return thou after thy sister-in-law. **16** And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; **17** where thou diest, will I die,

and there will I be buried: Jehovah do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me. **18** And when she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking unto her.

Bitterness can set in, when things go upside down.
Vs. 19-22

19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and *the women* said, Is this Naomi? **20** And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. **21** I went out full, and Jehovah hath brought me home again empty; why call ye me Naomi, seeing Jehovah hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? **22** So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

At some point in our lives everything will turn upside down and we've got to remember that God is relentlessly working behind the scenes.

In those times we also rely on the People that God has placed in our lives.
In those times we fight bitterness and we keep moving forward in faith.

