

## *Uncommon Commitment*

### *Ruth 1:6-22*

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**Act 1: In the setting of terrible loss, we're introduced to three themes that shape the story: lament, love and loyalty**

**The love of God is stranger than fiction.**

It requires an uncommon commitment which...

- Displays humility. (Ruth 1:8; Philippians 2:4)
- Endures hardship. (Ruth 1:11; Matthew 5:46; John 12:24)
- Deals honestly. (Ruth 1:13, 20-21; Psalm 10:1, 22:1)
- Holds on tightly. (Ruth 1:16-17, 22; Jeremiah 31:3)

## **Next Steps to Consider...**

- Participate in the Treasure Challenge
- Read the entire book of Ruth this week
- Consider: Are you bitter about a situation? Be honest with God about it and talk to a trusted friend.
- Commit to take a step forward in a relationship.
- Memorize Jeremiah 31:3 (CSB)  
*I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued to extend faithful love to you.*