



Devotion Info

- Three Funerals and A Famine Part 2 -

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Ruth 1:1-6 NLT

- What does the sons' intermarriage with Moabite women signify about God's invisible boundaries and upcoming grace outside ethnic Israel?
- Does this speak to any seasons in your life?

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- In what ways do Orpah and Ruth's ties to Naomi reflect human loyalty mirroring divine faithfulness?

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- How do we reconcile the compounding tragedies—losing a husband and both sons—with the character of a just God?

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- How does Naomi's transition from a state of total destitution preview the theology of redemption found later in the book?

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- What specific blessing did Naomi hear the Lord had provided to the people of Judah?
- Describe a moment where someone else was blessed, and you recognized your need to come back before the Lord.

Application:

- Why does God remain seemingly silent and inactive while a faithful family suffers continuous bereavement in a foreign land?

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