

Message Notes

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Ruth: Our Story of Redemption
The Dark Night of the Soul
Ruth 1
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◆ *Ruth* is ultimately the story of _____. (Mt 1:1-17)

A Tragic Beginning

◆ In _____ verse the author provides the _____ for this story. (Ru 1:1)

◆ The main _____ of *Ruth*: how will these women _____, specifically when it comes to _____ & _____? (Ru 1:3-5)

At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. **Ruth 1:14**

◆ Orpah did the _____ thing; Ruth did the _____!

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. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." **Ruth 1:16-17**

◆ Ruth leaves _____: her _____, _____ & _____.

◆ Ruth demonstrates profound _____ & _____. (Mt 10:37-39)

◆ Naomi feels “_____” and _____ by God. (Ru 1:20-21)

Where Is God When It Hurts?

◆ We _____ experience _____ & _____ in our lives. (1 Pe 4:12)

◆ God is _____ at work, _____ in the “dark night of our souls.”

◆ *Shaddai*: God is supremely _____ over _____ things. (Job 27:2)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**

◆ In His _____, God uses even _____ for our _____.

◆ Even if we feel God's _____ from us, He _____ still _____. (Ru 1:22)

◆ Can I _____ that God is _____ working for _____ in my life?