

The Book of Ruth

A story of God's faithfulness



Introduction

- In 2017, the _____ had a devastating effect on the rebels of ISIS
- The land of Moab had an equally devastating effect on the lives of a _____ from the town of Bethlehem in Judah
- This week we are going to examine the life of Naomi and the impact that _____ had on her own experience
- Behind our failed attempts at our best life, God is continually at _____, _____ our circumstances
- Through this narrative we are reminded of the _____ of God in our lives

Naomi was busted

- For Naomi the trip to Moab was a _____
- When a child of God leaves the place where God has put them to go after the things of this world they are headed for a _____
- The great irony of this story is that what she needed was always at _____
- Naomi's return to Bethlehem was a good _____, but her _____ was still not right:
 1. Her _____ is wrong
 2. Her _____ is terrible

Naomi was broken

- The years away from God's _____ and _____ had worn Naomi down
- Our anger can be directed at _____, at other _____, and even against _____
- The _____ of her soul had taken a profound toll and affecting her _____
- Non-stop _____ now defined Naomi, to the point that she was willing to embrace it as her very _____
- What Naomi saw as _____ was actually the _____ for God to act on her behalf

Naomi was bitter

- Bitter = Something that is _____, _____ and sharply _____
- According to the Bible, _____ grows from a _____
- _____ and _____ grow in our lives together!
- Because Naomi was _____ inside, she accused the Lord of dealing " _____ " with her
- To be free from _____ we must allow ourselves to change _____

Homework: Ruth 1:10-18