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**Heading Home (Part 1)**

Ruth 1:6-19a

**Good News for a Far-Off Widow**

Ruth 1:6-7

Notice the good news: God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth 1:6

Notice the Result: Naomi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home.

Ruth 1:7

**THE POINT 🡪** No matter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you’ve gone, or how life has treated you, good news is always a reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home.

Ephesians 2:13

**When Logic Strikes Out**

Ruth 1:8-13

Naomi’s logical advice: You’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Moab than with me!

Ruth 1:8-13; Deuteronomy 25:5-6

**THE POINT 🡪** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ isn’t always a homerun.

1 Corinthians 1:25; 3:19

**What Hurting Hearts Need Most**

Ruth 1:14-19a

Notice Orpah’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth 1:14

Notice Ruth’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth 1:14, 16-17

**THE POINT 🡪** When our closest friends suffer, our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine we could give them.

Psalm 68:19; Galatians 6:2

**3 Ways to Help Suffering Friends**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with them.

Romans 12:15

(2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to them.

Job 42:7; James 1:19

(3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.

Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1

**Christ Connection**

As Ruth clung to Naomi, Christ clings to us, and nothing, not even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us from him.

Romans 8:38-39

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Ruth 1:6-7

Notice the good news: God has **PROVIDED**.

Ruth 1:6

Notice the Result: Naomi **RETURNS** home.

Ruth 1:7

**THE POINT 🡪** No matter **HOW FAR** you’ve gone, or how life has treated you, good news is always a reason to **COME BACK** home.

Ephesians 2:13

**When Logic Strikes Out**

Ruth 1:8-13

Naomi’s logical advice: You’re **BETTER OFF** in Moab than with me!

Ruth 1:8-13; Deuteronomy 25:5-6

**THE POINT 🡪** **HUMAN LOGIC** isn’t always a homerun.

1 Corinthians 1:25; 3:19

**What Hurting Hearts Need Most**

Ruth 1:14-19a

Notice Orpah’s **SENSIBLE CHOICE**.

Ruth 1:14

Notice Ruth’s **COMMITMENT**.

Ruth 1:14, 16-17

**THE POINT 🡪** When our closest friends suffer, our **COMMITTED FRIENDSHIP** is the best medicine we could give them.

Psalm 68:19; Galatians 6:2

**3 Ways to Help Suffering Friends**

(1) **WEEP** with them.

Romans 12:15

(2) **LISTEN** to them.

Job 42:7; James 1:19

(3) **PRAY** for them.

Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1

**Christ Connection**

As Ruth clung to Naomi, Christ clings to us, and nothing, not even **DEATH**, can **SEPARATE** us from him.

Romans 8:38-39

**For Further Study**

(Readings and Questions for Life Groups or Personal Study)

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**Getting Started**

What stood out to you most in this week’s text? Why?

As you think back to moments of suffering in your life or in the lives of others you love, which person in this week’s text do you identify with the most: Naomi, Orpah, or Ruth? Why?

**Digging Deeper**

Read Job 2:11-13. What good things did these three friends do in Job’s time of great suffering?

Now read Job 2:9. How do the actions of Job’s wife compare to the actions of Job’s three friends? What can we learn from this as we come alongside friends who are suffering?

Marttell mentioned three ways we can help others in their suffering: Weeping with them, listening to them, and praying for them. Which of these three are you weakest at? How can you grow in that area?

**Driving It Home**

Who is someone you know who is suffering right now? How can you be a committed friend to that person this week?

Sometimes, like Naomi, our suffering leads us to push those we love away. Why do you think we do this? How does remembering God’s great love for you in Christ help you to welcome the care of those who love you?