

God Hasn't Forgotten Us!

Ruth 1

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- I. God is in the business of working _____ the _____ to do His will. *Ruth 1:1-5*

Life is either a series of coincidences, or a series of _____!

- II. God usually takes _____ to do His will than we _____. *Ruth 1:6-9*

- Option A: _____

- III. God is in the business of shaking people's foundations to get them to _____. *Ruth 1:10-14*

- Option B: _____

- IV. God is in the business of helping people _____ imperfect _____. *Ruth 1:14-18*

It gives us encouragement because it reminds us God is a God of "_____."

- Option C: _____ *Ruth 1:19-21*

She told them to not call her Naomi which meant "_____". She asked them to call her Mara, which means "_____".

- V. God is in the business of helping people _____ their broken hopes and dreams.

I'm going to trust God to _____ my broken dream about...

You fill in the blank about your life!!!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Discuss the most loyal person you know and how that person's loyalty impressed you.
2. Put yourself in Naomi's place: *What turmoil do you think you would experience as a result of all the things which happened to her in the land of Moab? Would it be hard for you to remember God is working behind the scenes during a time like this? Ruth 1:1-5, Romans 8:28, Gen. 50:15-21*
3. Rich said, in *Ruth 1:6-9*, Naomi appears to be caring, by sending her daughter in-laws back to their people; but if you read the entire chapter, it seems Naomi was actually experiencing clinical depression. Give a couple of other reasons for this decision not being wise. *Deut. 6:6-7, Eph. 6:4, Isa. 54:13, Eph. 5:21*
4. When we are tired or depressed, it is easy to just "Give in" and revert back to our old ways of doing things. *How can we guard against reverting back? 2 Tim. 2:11-13, James 4:7, Jonah, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 4:1*
5. Rich said, "God is in the business of helping people survive imperfect decisions". Discuss a time in your life where this statement proved true. *Ruth 1:19-21, Matt. 1:5-6, John 11:25-26*