

Ruth 1:19-22 “The Long Way Home”

Main point: In this third scene of the story, the writer describes Naomi and Ruth’s journey from the fields of Moab back to Bethlehem, recounting their return, reception, and most importantly, God’s working in, and through their lives.

I. God’s _____ in their _____

A. From _____ to _____

B. From the _____ to the _____

II. God’s _____ of _____

A. In Naomi’s _____

B. In Naomi’s _____

C. In Naomi’s _____

III. God’s _____ in their _____

A. In a _____

B. In a _____

Additional Notes:

Key Points of Consideration & Application:

1.) Have you ever experienced God’s guidance throughout a journey or in a move from one place of residence to the next, and did He change you in the process?

2.) Have you ever experienced bitterness, and what were the reasons for it, and do you understand how God was working in your life through it?

3.) In what ways has God used individuals to change the direction of your life?

Key Passage to Memorize & Meditate Upon: Job 1:20-22 (LSB) Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshipped.²¹ And he said, “naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be the name of Yahweh.”²² Through all this Job did not sin, nor did he give offense to God.

Sermons to Listen to for Further Study:

Denver Solomon: Hardship and the
Providence of God

Jeremy Garber: To the Bitter End

