

Sermon Notes

Pastor Jay Pound • October 26, 2025

RUTH ACT I: GRIEF & LOYALTY

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The story opens with Naomi experiencing tremendous _____ and _____ (v. 5).

- In her suffering, Naomi (like Job) turns _____ God in lament (vv. 13, 20-21).

The turning point of the whole story comes when Naomi hears and _____ in a rumor of God's goodness to his people (v. 6).

- Even in a moment where she is not _____ it personally, Naomi believes in the faithfulness of God (v. 7).

In her moment of great need, Naomi is still _____ to her daughters-in-law (vv. 8-13).

- _____ daughters-in-law are gracious in turn (v. 10).
- Ruth in particular responds breathtaking _____ (vv. 16-18).

Conclusion: Glimmers of Hope.

- Naomi says she should be called Mara (bitter), but the narrator _____ (vv. 20, 22).
- The _____ of God is already shining through (vv. 6, 10, 16, 22).

Discussion Questions

1. Can you remember a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or demonstrated surprising loyalty? How did that feel?
2. If we are not careful, we often miss or take for granted many examples of God's faithful love for us. Spend some time reflecting and list where you can see God's goodness on display.

Worship Songs

- *Steadfast*, Sandra McCracken, Joshua Silverberg, and Leslie Jordan.
- *Amazing Grace*, Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton.
- *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*, traditional gospel hymn.
- *Poety* • Taylor Leonhardt.