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Series

Redeeming Love

Today's Message

The Return Home

Today's Main Scripture

Ruth 1:6-22

Main Point

This week we consider three women, three life-altering decisions, and the “*Invisible Hand*” of God. Emptiness, grief, and a glimmer of hope will drive Naomi to return home to Bethlehem with Ruth by her side. Through it all, the Lord is at work.

- Desperate Times: *“The hand of the Lord has gone out against me”*
- Life-Changing Decisions: *“Turn back, my daughters; go your way”*
- Loyal Love: *“Where you go I will go”*

Notes:

Self Reflection:

- 1) More often than not, we see life through our own eyes and with our own perspectives. How might we develop a new pattern of “seeing” through the lens of scripture and from God’s perspective?
- 2) How important is sound theology? How does Naomi demonstrate good theology but weak application of that theology?
- 3) Take time this week to consider and contrast the decisions of Orpah and Ruth. What might we learn from both paths taken?

Further Study

Joshua 2:1-24; Romans 11; Ephesians 2:11-22