



**THE GREAT**

**REVERSAL**





# RUTH



# DESPERATE TIMES, WRONG DECISIONS

## Ruth 1:1

- Famine in the land
- Elimelech, a man from Bethlehem, together with his wife, Naomi and 2 sons went to Moab

# DESPERATE TIMES, WRONG DECISIONS

## Ruth 1:3-4

- Elimelech died
- The 2 sons married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth

# TRAGEDY IN MOAB

## Ruth 1:5

- Naomi's 2 sons died
- 3 childless widows – Naomi, Orpah and Ruth



# MOVEMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

## Ruth 1:6

When she heard in Moab that **the Lord had come to the aid of his people** by providing **food** for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to **return home** from there.



## NAOMI'S PERSPECTIVE

### Ruth 1:13b

“... It is **more bitter for me** than for you, because the Lord's hand has gone out against me!”






## NAOMI'S PERSPECTIVE

### Ruth 1:20-22

Don't call me Naomi, she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made **my life very bitter**. I went **away full**, but the Lord has brought me back **empty**. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me, the Almighty brought misfortune upon me.







The name **Naomi** means “pleasant”;  
the name **Mara** means “bitter.”



# NAOMI'S LIFE

Famine

Loss

Death

Childless

Bitterness

Empty

Hopeless



**The Great reversal is about to happen!**






## NAOMI'S BLESSINGS

### Ruth 4:14-16

The women said to Naomi: **"Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age.**"






## NAOMI'S BLESSINGS

### Ruth 4:14-16

For your daughter in law, **who loves you** and who is **better to you than seven sons** has given him birth. Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. The women living there said, "**Naomi has a son.**" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.



# NAOMI'S LIFE

**Famine**

**Loss**

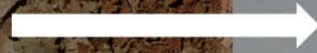
**Death**

**Childless**

**Bitterness**

**Empty**

**Hopeless**



**Abundance of provision**

**An heir**

**Joy and Celebration**


**Hope**

**Fullness of Life**

**Protection**



**The unseen hand of  
God is behind this  
Great Reversal**



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:28**





**God turns our  
despair into  
HOPE**





**God heals our  
bitterness and  
gives us joy**



**God redeems  
us from our  
mistakes and  
give us future!**





**The God of Great  
Reversal is working  
in your life**

# UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

**Ruth 1:4** • A Moabite

**Ruth 1:5** • A Gentile  
• A widow  
• Childless  
• Broke and starving



**The worst of the worst of  
state to be in!**





# THE BEST DECISION!

## Ruth 1:16

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay. **Your people will be my people and your God my God.**”



# FAVOR COMING

## Ruth 2:2

And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find **favor**.






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# FAVOR

## Ruth 2:8-9

So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

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## **FAVOR SHOWN TO RUTH**

**Ruth experienced  
companionship, protection,  
refreshment and provision!**





# FAVOR

## **Stay close by my young women:**

In Boaz's field, there is Provision of companionship!

## **Do not go to glean in another field & I told my men not to touch you:**

In Boaz's fields, there is Provision of protection.

## **Get a drink from the water jars:**

In Boaz field, there is provision of refreshment






# GRATITUDE

## Ruth 2:10-13

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She exclaimed, **“Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me – a foreigner?”** Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. **May the Lord repay you for what you have done.**





# FAVOR

## Ruth 2:10-13

**May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.**

**May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord, she said. "You have given me comfort and have spoken kindly to your servant – though I do not have the standing of one of your servant girls."**



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# OVER-FLOWING FAVOR

## Ruth 2:14-18

- Boaz invited Ruth to eat
- Boaz ordered his men to be generous towards Ruth
- Boaz didn't embarrass her and preserved her dignity





**The Great reversal has happened!**



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# OVER-FLOWING FAVOR

## **Ruth 2:12b**

May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.









And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:28**



# RUTH'S FUTURE

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## Ruth 3:10, 13

- Boaz, as kinsman-redeemer, took Ruth as his wife



# Kinsman-Redeemer

- a peculiar custom in ancient Israel
- Hebrew word *goel*

# Kinsman-Redeemer

- Redeem a fellow Israelite of slavery (Leviticus 25:48)
- Redeem blood (avenger a murdered family family)  
(Numbers 35:19)
- Redeem property (family land that had been forfeited)  
(Leviticus 25:25)
- Redeem family name by marrying a childness widow  
(Deuteronomy 25:5-10)



# **The Great Reversal had happened for Ruth!**



# RUTH'S JOURNEY

**A MOABITNESS**

Ruth 1:4, 2:2, 2:6

**A SERVANT**

Ruth 2:13

**A FOREIGNER**

Ruth 2:10

**A WOMAN OF  
NOBLE CHARACTER**

Ruth 3:11

**WIFE OF  
BOAZ**

Ruth 4:10, 13

**A WOMAN LIKE  
RACHEL AND LEAH**

Ruth 4:11





**God showers us  
with favor**







*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

**Romans 8:28**

**LOVE GOD  
PASSIONATELY**

*Pursue Him by Hiding  
His Word in Your Heart*