

## When Life Throws You a Curve Ball

*The Book of Ruth, Chapter 1*

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*<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.*

### Discussion Questions:

1. In desperate times, what things do you factor in your decision making?
2. Do you ever feel like God's hand is against you? When you feel like that, how should you respond?
3. What can we learn from her statement about what love is? Loyalty? To whom should we have similar levels of loyalty and commitment?
4. Examine your own attitudes and emotions. If you have become bitter or resentful toward a person or toward God, then before you can be filled spiritually you must deal with that bitterness.

*<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

*James 1*