

# “Hope Alone”

Elimelek = my God is King

Naomi = pleasant or sweet

Mahlon and Killion = sick and dying

Ruth and Orpah

Ruth makes a pledge to Naomi

Ruth 1:16-17 NLT

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. 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!”

O Little Town of Bethlehem aka The City of David

Don’t call Sweetie Anymore!

Ruth 1:20-21 NLT

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she responded. “Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?”

Does it have to be about loss?

“The **experience** of loss does not need to be the defining moment of our story. The defining moment can be our **response** to the loss.” Gerald Sittser

Redemption

Ruth 2:3 NLT

So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And **as it happened**, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

Ruth 3:8-11 TLB

Suddenly, around midnight, he wakened and sat up, startled. There was a woman lying at his feet! “Who are you?” he demanded. “It’s I, sir—Ruth,” she replied. “Make me your wife according to God’s law, for you are my close

relative.” “Thank God for a girl like you!” he exclaimed. . . . . ‘Now don’t worry about a thing, my child; I’ll handle all the details, for everyone knows what a wonderful person you are.’”

Guardian **Redeemer** Law: A guardian-redeemer was a close, influential relative to whom members of the extended family could turn for help, usually when the family line or possessions were in danger of being lost. The Guardian Redeemer was responsible for buying back family land sold during a crisis, buying back enslaved relatives, providing an heir for a dead brother.

*Terra transit cum onere (Latin)—The land passes with its **burden** or encumbrance*

### **Guardian Redeemer**

Ruth 4:13 NLT

So Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife. When he slept with her, the LORD enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son.

Ruth 4:17 NLT

And they named him **Obed**. He became the father of **Jesse** and the grandfather of **David**.

**Rehab - Boaz (Ruth) - Obed - Jesse - David ~~~~ JESUS**

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