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Join us for **Christmas Eve Services**

Two Identical Candlelight Services

3:00pm & 4:30pm

December 24

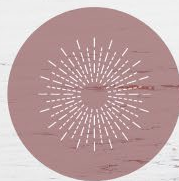


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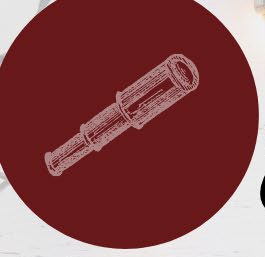


an Advent journey through the Book of Ruth

a *glimpse*
of JOY



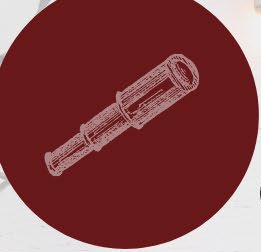
Ruth 3



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**In those days there was no king
in Israel; everyone did what was
right in his own eyes.**

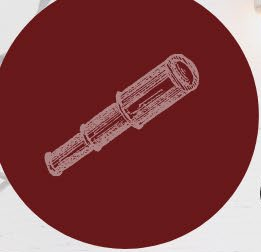
Judges 21:25



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**“I went out full, but the LORD has
brought me back empty...”**

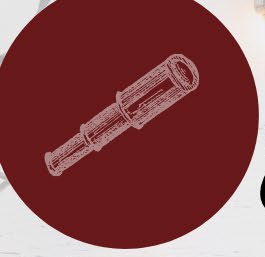
Ruth 1:21



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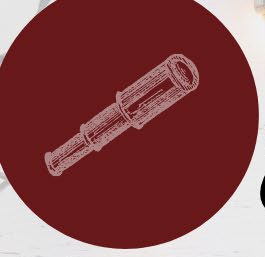
1. Perceiving Joy (verses 1-5)

**To *perceive* means
“to become aware of or notice it”**



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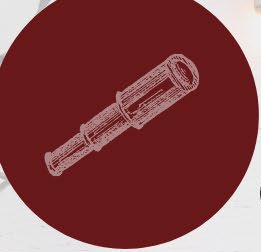
**Naomi has gone from
despondent to delightful
because she is perceiving joy.**



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**“My daughter, shall I not seek
security for you, that it may be
well with you?”**

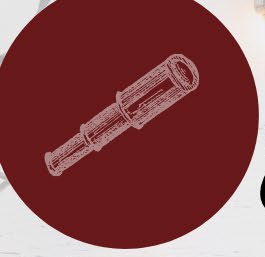
Ruth 3:1



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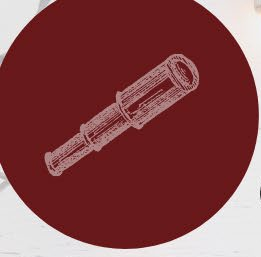
**Naomi, as a result of Ruth's
faithfulness to glean, became
"aware of or noticed" redemption.**





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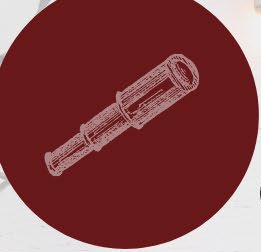
**Naomi was perceiving joy
by seeing the providence
of God.**



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2. Potential Joy (verses 6-14)

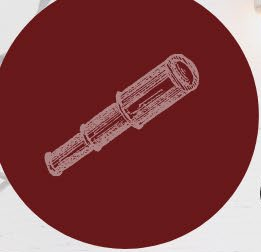
Potential is defined as “the capacity to become or develop into something in the future.”



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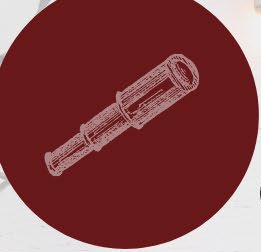
**“I am Ruth your maid. So
spread your covering over
your maid, for you are a close
relative.”**

Ruth 3:9



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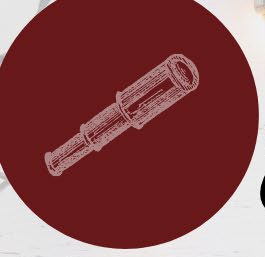
**Ruth is a story ultimately about us
and God; about our own
vulnerabilities and needs; about our
own desperate plight for redemption.**



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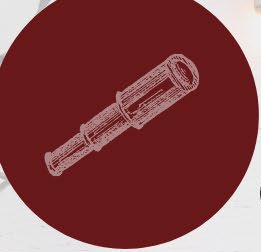
“May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”

Ruth 2:12



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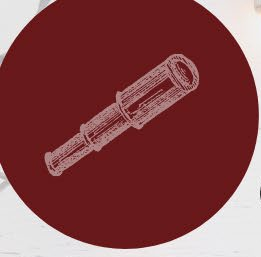
From Naomi's plan to Ruth's faithfulness, these women got a glimpse of joy and seek the potential for that joy to develop into something in the future.



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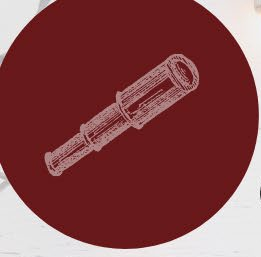
**“I will redeem you,
as the LORD lives.”**

Ruth 3:13



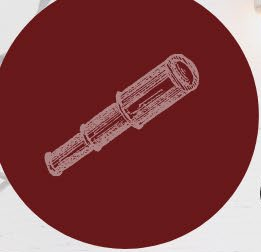
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**The kinsman-redeemer would
rescue or deliver a relative and
their property, ensuring that life
would go on.**



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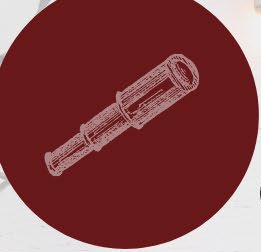
3. Promised Joy (verses 15-18)



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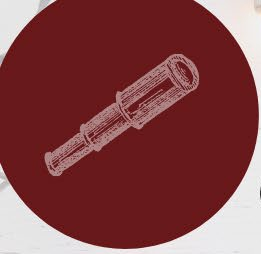
“Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.”

Ruth 3:17



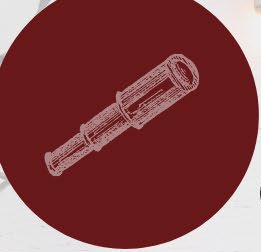
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**Boaz's promise to redeem
Ruth effectively banishes the
emptiness of both of them.**



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**Like Boaz “who will not rest”,
God exchanged a throne of
glory for a cross of
humiliation.**

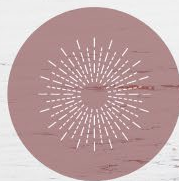


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**In this is love, not that we
loved God, but that He loved
us and sent His Son to be the
propitiation for our sins**

1 John 4:10

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Ruth 3