

# The Love That Stayed

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## GUEST SPEAKER

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**BIG IDEA: Real love sees the cost and stays anyway.**

**1. Real love stays when leaving is justified.**

*“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” (Ruth 1:16, ESV)*

**Hesed: steadfast and loyal love. Love that keeps showing up when it would be easier not to.**

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV)*

**The moment love gets tested is the moment you discover whether you want comfort or commitment.**

## **2. Real love serves without needing to be seen.**

*But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before." (Ruth 2:11, ESV)*

**If applause is required, it's probably performance — not sacrifice.**

## **3. Real love stays through the bitterness.**

*"Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me." (Ruth 1:20, ESV)*

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15, ESV)*

**Sometimes the holiest thing you can do is stay in the room.**

## **4. Real love redeems what we cannot recover.**

*"Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer..." (Ruth 4:14, ESV)*

**God specializes in bringing hope into stories people think are over.**

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8, ESV)*