How God Works

Ruth 1:1
In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

Deuteronomy 11:13-17
13 So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— 14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.
16 Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. 17 Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you.

Deuteronomy 4:29-31
29 But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. 31 For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.

Ruth 1:20-21
20 "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. 21 I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

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Lord has brought me back empty,
The Lord has afflicted me,
The Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.

Providence: --God's daily care and provision for us.

It is impossible to discern the Providence of God in the moment.
--Dr Jack Cottrell

Ruth 1:6
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.

Ruth 1:16-17
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. 17
Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so
severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”

Ruth 2:2-3
3 So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out,
she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

Ruth 2:4
4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The Lord be with you!”

Ruth 2:11-12
11 Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since
the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and
came to live with a people you did not know before. 12 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.”

Ruth 2:20
20 “The Lord bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing
his kindness to the living and the dead.” She added, “That man is our close relative; he is
one of our kinsman-redeemers.”

Ruth 4:13-15
13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord enabled
her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 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! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your

daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

Job 2:9-10

[9] His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"
[10] He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. **Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?**"