

# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

Continuing their study in Daniel, the **guys** will meet on **Saturday, May 8** between 8 and 9 am. **Breakfast** included!

Please join us for our **Spring "Tidy Up"** following the men's breakfast on **May 8**. Contact Andrew for more information.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Grace 'Ohana, please join the **Discover Grace** class on **Sunday May 16th at 8:30 to 9:30 am** in the Gazebo.

Members, please join us for our **Spring Business Meeting** after the service on **May 23**.

### **Nursery and Kids' Church:**

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

### **Middle School Students:**

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

### **High School Students:**

Saturdays 5-7pm

### **Ways to Give:**

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church



## SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Ruth 1

**Big Idea:** God is present in His provision and care for His people, even when they experience suffering.

- The setting and nature of Naomi's emptying (1:1-5)
- Naomi's response to her emptying (1:6-18)
- Naomi's interpretation of her emptying (1:19-22)
- "I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty." (verse 19)

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## GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

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### What does it say?

1. What interests or surprises you most about the scene and interactions among Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth in verses 6-18)?
2. How did Ruth convince Naomi she was going with her to Bethlehem?
3. What did Ruth potentially give up by going with Naomi? What did Ruth think she might gain by going with Naomi?
4. What is Naomi's perspective on what happened to her in Moab (verses 19-22)?
5. Like Naomi, how might your perspective be distorted because you have judged God based on or your life or losses?
6. Through tragedy and trials, God grows us in ways that easy times rarely do. What bitter things threaten your life or joy?
7. Naomi's words in verses 20-21 share the emotion of David's psalm (song) of lament. Make observations. What does Ruth 1:20-22 and Psalm 13 have in common? What do you have in common with them?
8. What songs do you listen to or sing in the hard circumstances? What effects do they have?

### And how does it apply to our lives today?

1. In what ways do you see God doing good things in the midst of adversities in your life or in the lives of others?
2. In her season of sorrow, Naomi kept moving, one step at a time, back towards God's promised land. What encourages or challenges you about this?
3. How have you experienced God's invisible, but real presence with you?
4. How did this week's text and discussion challenge your thoughts about God's response in our adversity?

**Spend some time sharing and praying together.**