

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Redeeming Love
Message: Hard Times, Hard Choices
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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In order to get the most out of this, please read the first two chapters of Ruth. If you are able, do this out loud. If you are doing this with a friend or your family, you can divide up the reading and share it.

Here are a few questions to consider:

How does getting to know Naomi's family and situation impact my view of people who immigrate to other countries?

Naomi suffers deep grief in losing her husband and sons. How do her daughters-in-law help and show her they care?

Naomi says, "*Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord himself has raised his fist against me.*" (Ruth 1:13)

How do you think God feels about Naomi blaming Him for being against her?

Ruth carefully chooses to leave her homeland to support and care for Naomi. What do you think it "cost" her to do that?

Do you have a decision you need to make where Ruth's example of love for Naomi and faithfulness to God can help you?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Review from first message in series:

There are several reasons that we face trouble and trials:

The broken world

My choices

Other people's choices

Deliberate wrong/evil

God's discipline

God's training and preparation

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

James 1:2–4 (NLT)

1. God is faithful and trustworthy.

²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:22–23 (NLT)

2. God sees and rewards faithfulness.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

3. God is at work even if I can't see it.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT)