GOD IS OUR REDEEMER

DAY 1 — WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED

RUTH 1

Week 15

DEVOTIONAL

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SEASON WHERE YOU THOUGHT, “THIS ISN'T HOW MY LIFE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO”? RUTH 1 BEGINS WITH LOSS, GRIEF, AND UNCERTAINTY. NAOMI LOSES HER HUSBAND AND BOTH OF HER SONS, AND SHE RETURNS TO BETHLEHEM FEELING EMPTY. BUT RUTH MAKES A CHOICE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING: SHE STAYS WITH NAOMI. RUTH DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS AHEAD. SHE SIMPLY CHOSE FAITHFULNESS IN THE MIDDLE OF UNCERTAINTY. SOMETIMES WE WANT GOD TO SHOW US THE WHOLE PLAN BEFORE WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT STEP. BUT GOD OFTEN ASKS US TO TRUST HIM ONE STEP AT A TIME. YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHERE GOD IS TAKING YOU, BUT YOU CAN TRUST THE GOD WHO IS LEADING YOU.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED A SEASON THAT DIDN'T GO ACCORDING TO PLAN?
- WHAT CAN RUTH'S DECISION TEACH US ABOUT FAITHFULNESS?
- WHAT IS ONE STEP OF TRUST GOD MIGHT BE ASKING FROM YOU?

PRAYER

GOD, WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING, HELP ME TRUST YOU WITH THE NEXT STEP. AMEN.