



Ruth: from Grief to Grace #2: "Wherever You Go I Will Go"

June 1 & 2, 2024

Ruth 1:16-22

Opener:

When was the last school reunion you attended? In one sentence, describe what it was like to go back there.

Go Deeper:

1. What do Ruth's words in Ruth 1:16-17 reveal about her character and her faith?
 2. Why does Naomi want to be called Mara, and what does this name change signify about her feelings and experiences?
 3. How do Naomi's words in Ruth 1:20-21 reflect her view of God's role in her suffering?
 4. Despite Naomi's bitterness, how can we see God's providence and faithfulness already at work in this passage?
 5. What does this story suggest about the ways God can work through our relationships and commitments?
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Live It:

1. Have you ever experienced a time when life's circumstances made you feel bitter or empty like Naomi? How did you cope with those feelings?
2. In what ways can you relate to Ruth's decision to leave everything familiar behind to embrace a new faith and community?
3. Can you identify a situation in your life where, looking back, you now see God's provision and guidance even if it wasn't clear at the time?
4. In what ways can you contribute to making Victory Lutheran Church a place of welcome and support for those who feel like outsiders?
5. What is God saying to you specifically?
6. What step of faith is God calling you to live in this coming week?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings (June 2-8)

Sun:	Job 3:1-10	Job Curses Day of Birth
Mon:	Job 4:1-9	An Unhelpful Friend
Tues:	Job 7:11-21	Job Laments
Wed:	Job 9:1-12	The Power of God
Thurs:	Job 9:13-24	Job's Spiritual Struggles
Fri:	Job 12:1-12	God Orders the World
Sat:	Job 14:1-6	A Few Days of Trouble

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

