

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**A FAITH-FILLED RESPONSE IN THE DARKNESS**  
**RUTH 1:6-22**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

In the midst of dark providences, the believer must not be faithless but must cling by faith to the LORD.

- I. Don't Be Faithless like Naomi & Orpah (v.6-15, 19-22)
- II. Be Faith-filled like Ruth (v.16-18)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

1. Has bitterness been developing in any area of your life? What should you do with that bitterness?
2. The testimony of Ruth is very well-known. What have you learned from last week and this week that is new? How does it help you praise God?
3. What does the contrast between the ends of Orpah and Ruth tell us about God's faithfulness, even in darkness? How does it reinforce living by faith, not by sight?
4. Boys & girls – how can you learn from Ruth's trust in the Lord when you are sad and struggling?

**FURTHER READING:** Exodus 34:6-7; Gen 2:24; Matt 13:45-46; Phil 3:8; Matt 1:1-5; John 8:12