

from

BITTER

to

BOUGHT



Ruth 1:1-2 (NLT)

In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him. The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi.

NAOMI TRADED
HER GIFTS *from* GOD

Ruth 1:20-21a (NLT)

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she responded. “Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me home empty.”

Ruth 1:21b (NLT)

Why call me Naomi when the Lord has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?

NAOMI TRADED
HER IDENTITY *in* GOD

NAOMI

pleasureful, agreeable, beautiful

MARA
bitter

Ruth 2:19-20 (NLT)

“Where did you gather all this grain today?” Where did you work? May the Lord bless the one who helped you!”

Ruth replies:

“The man I worked with today is named Boaz.”

“May the Lord bless him!” Naomi says. “He is showing his kindness to us as well as to your dead husband. That man is one of our closest relatives, one of our family redeemers.”

Ruth 3:1-4 (NLT)

Naomi said to Ruth, “My daughter, it’s time that I found a permanent home for you, so that you will be provided for. Boaz is a close relative of ours, and he’s been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. Now do as I tell you—take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes. Then go to the threshing floor. Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there. He will tell you what to do.”

Ruth 4:14a (NLT)

Then the women of the town said to Naomi, “Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family!”

JESUS BUYS BACK

what you traded



Ruth 4:16-17a (NLT)

Naomi took the baby and cared for him as if he were her own. The neighbor women said, “Now at last Naomi has a son again!”



JESUS BUYS *you* BACK