

Sermon Questions 4.21
Dave Stevanus - From Bad to Worse - Ruth 1:1-5

Connect

Can you remember a bad decision you've made that, looking back, seemed like a good idea at the time?

Share a situation you've experienced when God's plans seemed mysterious to you.

Message Recap

Bad decisions (Ruth 1:1-2; Judges 21:25)

Lead to bad consequences (Ruth 1:3-5)

But God gives us hope (Ruth 4:18-22)

Engage & Apply

Read Numbers 25:1-5 and discuss how the Israelites were being led astray by the Moabites.

Read Judges 21:25. In the Judges era of the Bible, everything was chaotic, morally compromising, and spiritually empty. How do you think this environment influenced Elimelech to move his family into a country that was so corrupt and against God?

How do you think Elimelech and Naomi's decision to leave their home in Israel reflects their faith and trust in God during a time of hardship?

Dig Deeper (group or individual)

We see the themes of loss, journey, and hope introduced in Ruth 1:1-5. How might these verses reveal our own experiences of how we handle faith, adversity, and redemption?

Challenge each other to read through Ruth every week during this series.

Prayer