

**Sermon Questions 4.28**  
**Dave Stevanus - The Return - Ruth 1:6-22**

**Connect**

Have you ever been presented with a life-changing decision you had to make?

Can you think of a time when you've tried to change someone's mind about something? What were your arguments and how did it end?

**Message Recap**

- I. God's mercy in the return (Ruth 1:6-9)
- II. Naomi's arguments (Ruth 1:10-14)
- III. God's mercy provides hope through Ruth (Ruth 1:15-18)
- IV. The Providence of God (Ruth 1:19-22)

**Engage & Apply**

**Read Ruth 1:20-21.** Naomi attributes her suffering to God's hand. Do you think it's right for her to blame God for her misfortunes? Why or why not?

How have Naomi's hardships shaped her view of God? How have the struggles in your own life shaped your view of God?

**Read Ruth 1:16-17.** What can we learn from Ruth's actions and commitment to stay loyal to Naomi?

In what ways can we see God's providence at work in this passage, even in the midst of tragedy and loss?

**Dig Deeper** (group or individual)

Describe a season when you've suffered and couldn't see what the Lord was doing in your life. Looking back, are you able to see the hand of God at work? If you're in that season right now, be honest about your pain and how you view God in the midst of it.

Dave gave two lessons we can learn from this passage in Ruth. 1- **God's mercy in the midst of suffering** and 2- **the importance of caring for one another**. Unpack what these statements mean and how they play out in the life of believers.

**Prayer**