

Naomi-the Mother Whose Life was _____

- I. Naomi was a _____ wife
- She left her home and friends to move with her _____
 - She traveled to a _____ land to live
- II. Tragedy was a _____ part of her life as a wife and mother
- She was forced to _____ due to the famine
 - She lost her husband shortly after the move to the strange land
 - She lost her two sons _____ years after the move
 - She experienced feelings of being alone and _____
 - She had lost her immediate family in death
 - She felt the hand of God has been _____ her 1:13
- III. Naomi begins her journey back to her homeland
- Much to her amazement she does not go home _____
 - She is greeted with _____ by those in Jerusalem
 - She testified to the Lord's dealing with her
 - She had left Jerusalem _____ -a husband and 2 sons
 - She returned to Jerusalem _____ -no husband and no sons
 - She felt the hand of God had been against her
 - She had changed her name
 - To express how she felt
 - She had changed her name for Naomi-_____, agreeable to Mara-bitter, _____
- IV. Naomi begins life again in Jerusalem with nothing but the _____ of others toward her daughter-in-law, Ruth
- God, who has been present through the whole of Naomi's life, continues His working 2:1-3
 - Naomi began to see the Lord at work in her life again (God had always been at work, only Naomi could not see it for the _____ she suffered) 2:19-20
- V. Naomi shifts her attention from her bitter loss to the future _____ of her daughter-in-law 3:1
- Knowing the custom of her homeland, she instructs Ruth on the _____ way to make Boaz aware of the need 3:3-4
 - Having _____ Naomi's instruction, Ruth shares what happened 3:16-17
 - Naomi encourages Ruth to _____ and see what happens 3:18
- VI. Naomi sees the good hand of the _____ upon her and her counsel to Ruth 4:1-16
- Boaz took _____ action to obtain Naomi's property for her and also to marry Ruth 4:1-12
 - Boaz took Ruth to be his wife and they had a son 4:13
 - The women of the city pay _____ to Naomi 4:14-15
 - God is _____ Vs 14
 - Ruth's _____ is praised Vs 15
 - Naomi has the _____ in her life filled with a grandson, the future grandfather of David Vs 16
- VII. _____:
- We live in a world cursed by sin. And because of the spiritual state of the world, _____ people have bad things happen to them.
 - Naomi and her husband had a plan to _____ in hard times.
 - Little did they know that the times would ultimately become hardest for Naomi.
 - Trying to deal with "life" Naomi decided to return to her home.

- a. Expecting more of the _____, her soul is bitter because of the events that have taken place.
 - b. Upon returning home, little by little she begins to see the "light of day" and how the Lord had and would in the future take _____ of her and her daughter-in-law.
4. For a mother dealing with the pain of _____, she did the best she could with what she had.
 5. All along God was at work in those misfortunes, ultimately showing to her that He had been there the _____ time. Cf. 1:14-17; 4:14-15.
- B. Mom, what is it you are dealing with today?
1. Maybe you feel all _____, or can't seem to see God's hand in your circumstances.
 2. Maybe life has been difficult and you _____ with a bitter spirit toward someone or even against God.
 3. Take heart, if you are God's child, He has not forsaken or _____ you.
 - a. He is actively at work _____ His good will in your life.
 - b. _____ Him, pray to Him, _____ upon Him, and ultimately you will be rewarded for your _____-either in this life or when you get to Heaven, or maybe both.