There and Back Again | Ruth 1

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**Overview**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, even when we don’t recognize it.

**Notes**

1. Suffering (v. 1-6)
2. Grace (v. 7-21)
3. Hope (v. 22)

**Reflection & Prayer**

1. How should the truth that God is faithful to his promises encourage us to obey him?
2. One of the most repeated words in this chapter is translated "return" or "go back". Another way that word could be translated is "repent". How do suffering and repentance relate?
3. Ruth's commitment to the Lord goes hand-in-hand with a commitment to Naomi and the rest of the Lord's people (1:17). How should Ruth's commitment inform the way we think about the church?
4. Ruth's commitment to Naomi is evidence of God's steadfast love in Naomi's life, even though she doesn't recognize it (1:21). What are some evidences of God's steadfast love in your life that you are likely to overlook?
5. In verses 20 and 21, Naomi says some hard things about God. When these kinds of things characterize your relationship with God, how can you take them to the Lord in prayer? What Psalm may serve as a model?