

11am Bible Study:
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Topic: Incomprehensible Devastation
Series Title: Loyal Love
Chapters: Ruth 1:1-5 **Jan. 7th, 2026**

Central Text: Ruth 1:5, NIV, ...Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

1446 - 1406 B.C.	1405 - 1400 B.C.	1380 - 1050 B.C.	1050 B.C.	1010 B.C.	1003 B.C.	970 B.C.
The Israelites wander in the wilderness	The conquest of Canaan	The time of the Judges and the events of Ruth	Saul becomes King of Israel	David begins to reign at Hebron	David reigns over all Israel	David dies and Solomon becomes King

Ruth: The narrative of Ruth's contents is believed to have been circulated orally by Naomi and her circle of friends, and was known in the community with respect to King David's lineage. Further, the book is believed to have been officially written during King Solomon's reign.

Intro: _____

1. A Time of Spiritual and Moral Decay – Ruth 1:1

- From bad to worse / trouble sometimes multiplies / seeking unhindered bliss here is unwise

Question for Dialogue: We've all been impacted by the sin and results of this fallen world in some way, shape, or form. When tragedy strikes close to home, it can be earth-shattering and extremely hard to accept. Death typically is the first **Big Dose** of reality that something is wrong with the world we live in, but sometimes the brokenness of this world is initially introduced to us in other ways. **What was a significant life-altering moment that unhinged you from seeking unhindered fulfillment in this life on the present earth?**

2. Moves and Transitions Don't Always Have the Results We Envision – Ruth 1:2,3,5

Question for Dialogue: Has a move, promotion, or transition ever produced results you didn't want, would've changed if you could, and couldn't understand for a time? **If so, what was it, how did you handle it, and what was the final result?**

3. God Never Abandons Us, Even When It Feels Like He Has Due to Present Circumstances – Ruth 1:5

Question for Dialogue: Why me? It is a question that goes through our minds when tragedy strikes. Why was this allowed in my life is something we meditate on. Where we are in our spiritual maturity and understanding is tested when incomprehensible devastation occurs. We can move toward hope or hopelessness, seek purpose or purposelessness, or trust or abandon our faith in God. **How have you handled grief? What has helped you through the healing process?**