

AfterThoughts
October 25, 2020
Sermon Title: A Grief Observed
Scripture: [Ruth 1](#)

Today, Pastor David began a new sermon series from the book of Ruth by setting the context of the story of Naomi and Ruth.

Going Deeper:

1. In the first scene of the story in Ruth 1, we learn this principle: **God's sovereignty prevails even in the midst of human tragedy.** What circumstance in your life teaches you this principle is true?
2. Pastor David shared, even in the disobedience at the beginning of the story, we see that what God allows, He has a plan to redeem. How has God redeemed the pain, grief, and sorrow in your life? Who needs to hear the story of God redeeming your pain?
3. Even though your grief is not the whole story, God is more pleased with your honest petition before Him during your times of sorrow than He is in your false piety. What do you need to be honest with God about today?
4. We see two separate responses to grief and loss in the first chapter of Ruth: **1) Naomi: grief turned her away from God,** and **2) Ruth: grief turned her toward God.** Which of these two paths are you choosing in your life right now? How are you encouraged by the truth in [Hebrews 4:15](#)?

Additional Discovery:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ~ Hebrews 4:15

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

~ Jude 24–25

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