

## RUTH | WENT AWAY FULL, CAME BACK [ALMOST] EMPTY

### RUTH 1:1-22

The Book of Ruth takes place during the dark days of the Judges. Ruth is a widow, affected by poverty, but also a new believer in the God of Israel. She has come to believe in the loving kindness of Yahweh and has a vibrant faith demonstrated in her loving kindness toward her mother-in-law. John Reed wrote: *"The Book of Ruth gleams like a beautiful pearl against a jet-black background. The Ruth narrative provided a gratifying reminder that even in the darkest times God was at work in the hearts of His faithful remnant."* In our first chapter, we see the providence of God, the kindness of those who truly follow Him, and that there is always hope with God.

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_ through both good and bad times.
2. Those who truly know the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Him regardless of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. With God there's always \_\_\_\_\_ even when things seem '\_\_\_\_\_'.