

## Ruth pt. 4

### The Redemption Story

#### Providence

1. Providence is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and implies a future end, a goal, and a definite \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for attaining that end.

Who threw Jonah into the sea? (Jonah 1:15, Jonah 2:3)

Who sold Joseph into slavery? (Gen. 2:28; Gen 50:20)

Who hardened Pharaoh's heart (Ex. 8:15; Ex 9:12; Rom. 9:17)

Who made Esther Queen? (Esther 2:17; Esther 4:14)

Who wreaked havoc on Job? (Job 2:7; Job 1:12)

Who sentenced Jesus to death? (Jn. 19:15-16; Jn. 19:11)

2. Providence is the invisible \_\_\_\_\_ of God working all things out for His \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

#### Story of Ruth

**Ruth 1:19-21 (ESV)** So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" <sup>20</sup> She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty (Shaddai) has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, and the LORD (Yahweh) has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD (Yahweh) has testified against me and the Almighty (shaddai) has brought calamity upon me?"

#### **Ruth 1:19-21 (ESV)**

. . . call me Mara, for the *All sufficient one who sustains, nourishes, protects* has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, and *the one who I have a covenant relationship with* has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the *one I have a covenant relationship with* has responded against me and the *All sufficient one who sustains, nourishes, protects* has *injured and hurt* me?"

We suffer as a result of a fallen world  
We suffer from our sin  
We suffer from others' sin  
We suffer when God disciplines us

**Ruth 1:22 (ESV)** So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

**Ruth 2:1-3 (ESV)** Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup>And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." <sup>3</sup>So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

### How to push through suffering

3. Providence puts \_\_\_\_\_ into everything; \_\_\_\_\_ your story  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

4. Providence puts \_\_\_\_\_ into everything; \_\_\_\_\_ God will work all things out for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)** I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

5. Providence puts \_\_\_\_\_ into everything; remain \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV)** For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.