

# sermonnotes

## Ruth: Part 1

Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and often troubled road in which God is at work for our good.

The Book of Ruth is a story of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and His redeeming love revealed through the adversities of life and even through the poor choices of those involved.

### Ruth 1:1–21

1. Life can be hard and at times difficult to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - When we have decided that God is against us, we usually exaggerate our hopelessness.
  - When you choose to follow Jesus, you are not promised a problem-free existence, but what you are promised is God's presence and His help. (Hebrews 13:5–6)
2. At times it is difficult to understand what God is up to, which can exasperate us and turn us \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Don't interpret God through the circumstances of your life. Always go back to the truth of who God is and what His Word says.

3. Human adversity becomes God's \_\_\_\_\_ for advancing His great redemptive purposes.
  - God can take your places of adversity and use them for His good and the good of others.
4. God constantly watches over every one of His people and really does \_\_\_\_\_ of life for our greatest good.
  - "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."—Romans 8:28

### As you navigate the twists and turns of life never forget:

- God is both \_\_\_\_\_ and good.
- God is faithful to His \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is working for your \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: providence; understand; bitter; opportunity; order circumstances; sovereign; promises; good

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