

Unexpected Emptiness Ruth 1

In a time of unexpected	emptiness,	we can d	decide to	<u>turn away</u>	or <u>turn</u>
towards God. (1:1-5)					

In a time of unexpected emptiness, God may seem <u>hidden</u>, but He is not <u>absent</u>. (1:6-18)

In a time of unexpected emptiness, the antidote for bitterness is <u>looking back</u> and <u>looking ahead</u> (1:19-22)

Timeless Truth:

God is <u>working</u> in my life, even if I all I see is <u>emptiness</u>.

Discussion Questions:

Can you think of examples of ways people do what is right in their own eyes today?

In what situations do you find it hard to follow God's ways?

What experience do you have of God using emptiness for a future good purpose? How does that make a difference to how you see the coming week, month, year?

When we feel the way that Naomi did (bitter), how can we remind ourselves of God's grace?

When we feel the way that Naomi did (bitter), how can we look ahead by looking to the God of hope?