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3. Like Naomi, we are tempted to grow bitter at the hand God deals us. (CH. 1)

4. Though Ruth experienced many of Naomi's difficulties, she grew COMMITTED to God instead of bitter. (CH. 1)

5. When we return to the place of God's assignment, we experience BLESSINGS. (CH. 2)

6. There is no such thing as CHANCE or LUCK for the Christian. (CH. 2)

7. Like Ruth, the Christian should never be afraid of HARD WORK. (CH. 2) "He who will not work, neither let him eat." (2 Thess. 3:10)

8. Like Naomi, we lose our BITTERNESS and DEPRESSION when we focus on helping others. (CH. 2-3)

9. Boaz was prepared to serve as Ruth's Relative-Redeemer, but she had to ASK him. (CH. 3)

10. Jesus is prepared to be our Relative-Redeemer, but we must ASK Him! (John 3:16)

11. Redemption brings GREAT BLESSINGS. Some NEAR and some FAR. (CH. 4)

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