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"Don't call me Naomi (pleasant)," she told them. "Call me Mara (bitter), because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty.

Ruth 1:20 - 21

Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. ...

Ruth 1:16-17

# **Ruth Put Love into Action**

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

# **Ruth Distinguished Herself by Good Works**

She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother - in - law since the death of your husband" Ruth 2:10-11

# We are Called to Do Good Works

...ready to do whatever is good,

...devote themselves to doing what is good

...doing what is good, in order to provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives

Titus 3: 1, 5, 14

# **Good Works Fueled by God's Generosity**

...when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared ,he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done , but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:4-5

He saved us thorough the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom **he poured out on us generously** through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Titus 3:6

# Kinsman - Redeemer

"The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter - in - law.

... "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers."

Ruth 2:20

...And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character.

Ruth 3:11

...at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12

...you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Ephesians 2:19