

RUTH 1

Title: Love Under the Discipline of God

Theme: Life under God's promises in the midst of suffering

Difficulties Living Under the Promises (Ruth 1:1–5)

- **Who?**
(Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, Chilion – covenant names and meanings)
- **When?**
(The days of the Judges – historical and spiritual context)
- **Where?**
(Bethlehem and the move to Moab – theological implications)

Quiet Grace Living Under Promise (Ruth 1:6–18)

- **Naomi's blessing and the word "chesed"**
(Kindness, steadfast love, covenant loyalty)

- **Ruth's decision and Naomi's despair**
(Faith in the dark, unseen providence)

Feeling Abandoned Living Under the Promise (Ruth 1:19–22)

- **Naomi's name change: Pleasant to Bitter**
(Emotional honesty and theological hope)

- **The tapestry metaphor**
(God's design behind life's tangled threads)