RUTH 1:19-22

# WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF LOVE 

1. God's People not Exempt 1-5
2. God Sustains His People 6-18
3. God Is Real to His People 19-22

## GETTING REAL

What does it mean to say that "God is real in someone's life?" What about Bob?

# NAOMIS TESTIMONY 

BITTERNESS, EMPTINESS, AFFLICTION

## Independent Lens

-"Self-interpretation"

- Self-inflicted Blindess
- Thankfulness
- "Almighty" Shaddai


## BLINDED TO THE LIGHT



## THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS

Emotions have a history: bitterness \& depression don't just appear out of nowhere.

1) Events Outside

Other People, the Curse, Satan
2) Events Inside

Belief System
2 Cor. 4:8-9

# CUITURE WARS 

Culture of Decisions
Culture of the Individual
Culture of Self-Indulgence Culture of "Happiness"
Culture of Entertainment \& Boredom

## GIVE THANKS

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise."
"Give thanks in ALL circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ."

## "THE ALMIGHTY"

## "el Shaddai"

"one who nourishes, supplies, satisfies, blesses, and has the power to accomplish it"

## El SHADDAI

# God is "the all sufficient, all bountiful, the source of all blessing and fullness and fruitfulness." 

## EYES TO SEE RICHTLY

Naomi's self-interpretation of her life, and unthankful spirit, created a selfinflicted blindness, to all of God's blessings and mercies.
"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given us His Son."

## BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

## Ruth 1:22

Naomi returned
Ruth returned
Barley harvest
Boaz \& Messiah!

## WHAT ABOUT BOB? AND YOU?

What do I learn about God from Ruth?
What do I learn about God's plan for His people from this passage?
What do I learn about living for God?
What do we learn about ourselves?
What does "providence" mean?
What blessings may be in disguise?

