

# Ruth: Pictures of God's Provision When Hope Is Lost

## A Picture of Tragedy

Ruth 1:1-13

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### Introduction:

Photographs provide snapshots in time that help us remember the events of that moment. A picture from our wedding may help us remember how we stumbled through our vows, a picture of our graduation reminds of the hard work that it took to achieve that goal, and a picture of our newborn baby reminds of the joy that an infant brings. The story of God's provision in the book of Ruth begins with snapshots of four tragedies.

### I. Tragedy 1: P \_\_\_\_\_ Is Lost (vv. 1-2)

“There was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine in the land was severe.”

Genesis 12:10

“For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached.” 1  
Corinthians 1:21

*Walking Point:*

*Don't Look T\_\_\_\_\_!*

II. Tragedy 2: R\_\_\_\_\_ Is Lost (vv. 3-4a)

“But I know my living Redeemer,  
and He will stand on the dust at last.” Job  
19:25

***Walking Point:***

*Don't' Look D \_\_\_\_\_!*

### III. Tragedy 3: H\_\_\_\_\_ Is Lost (vv. 4b-7)

“Remember me, Lord,  
when You show favor to Your people.  
Come to me with Your salvation” Psalm 106:4

“But let him ask in faith without doubting.  
For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven  
and tossed by the wind.” James 1:6

#### Walking Point:

*Don't Look B\_\_\_\_\_!*

### IV. Tragedy 4: H\_\_\_\_\_ Is Lost (vv. 8-13)

“Indeed, the Lord’s hand was against them,  
to eliminate them from the camp until they had  
all perished.”

Deuteronomy 2:15

#### Walking Point:

*Don't S\_\_\_\_\_ Looking!*

“Some take pride in chariots, and others in  
horses,  
but we take pride in the name of Yahweh  
our God.

<sup>8</sup>They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand firm.” Psalm 20:7-8