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The Perfect Story: An Imperfect Beginning

Ruth 1:1-9

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1. Hardship is often the soil in which God's work is revealed. (Ruth 1:1b-5)

2. Uncertain times call for decisive action. (Ruth 1:6-9)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does Pastor Scott preach from the Old Testament so frequently?
- 2) What are some examples of irony in these first nine verses? Why, for example, is it ironic that there is a famine in "Bethlehem"?
- 3) How do the peoples' names in this story foreshadow what might be coming?
- 4) What is the purpose of this book of the Bible?
- 5) Describe the best that you can hope for in a hardship you are facing. How might God do even better than that?