

## **Ruth: When Providence & Pain Collide**

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1. God's providence is sometimes painful. (1:1-5)
  - a. In God's providence sin is punished.
  - b. In God's providence the "why" is not always answered.
2. God's grace usually doesn't look like we think it should. (1:6-21)
  - a. God's grace doesn't follow our timing. (1:6-7)
  - b. God's grace may not make natural sense. (1:8-15)
  - c. God's grace may appear to be against us. (1:19-21)
  - d. God's grace makes it possible to abandon our lives for the sake of His glory. (1:16-17)
3. We must trust God, knowing His story doesn't culminate with us. (1:22)