

## **A Redeeming Faith in a Grieving World**

Godly grief doesn't end in loss, it actually leads to repentance and salvation . . . but worldly grief produces even more loss and ends in death. 2 Corinthians 7:9b-10 (PJP)

### **What is grief?**

Grief is a spiritual response to the experience of loss, often accompanied by emotional and physical symptoms, as well.

### **The Response of Naomi:**

**How grief is weaponized by the evil one to attack the soul.**

Ruth 1:13, 20-21

- Satan uses the emotion of bitterness to attack the soul.
- Satan uses the act of isolation to prevent the healing.
- Satan uses the thought of "God's rejection" to thwart the truth.
- Satan uses the emotional, physical, and mental to try to defeat the spiritual.

### **The Response of Ruth:**

**How redeeming faith changes the outcome of grief.**

- Invest in the ones that you haven't lost. Ruth 1:16a
- Trust in the character of God even when you don't understand your circumstances.  
Ruth 1:16b
- Live your life with righteousness and integrity. Ruth 3:10
- Be certain that God redeems what is lost and provides purpose, love, and meaning to life.  
Ruth 4:13-17