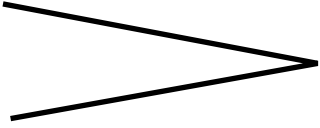




## Faithfulness is Rooted in Gratitude

1. Has Anyone Had a Rough Week (day, month, etc...)? Describe.
2. Have you ever been without a job? What was that like?
3. Read today's text (Ruth 1:1-5).
4. List the terrible things going on in Ruth 1:1-5.
5. Were there also good things mentioned in this text? List/Describe.
6. Honestly, when you first heard the story as it unfolded in these first 5 verses (Ruth 1:1-5) what was your overall take on the situation?
7. How is this situation similar/different from your past (or present) experiences?
8. If you were Naomi's best friend (and verses 1-5 were all you had to go on)...
  - What would you want to do for her?
  - What would you have done for her?
  - What would you have said to her?
9. If you were Naomi and you "lived-out" verses 1-5, what would you...
  - Want your best friend to do / say?
  - Want to do?
  - Say to God?
  - Want God to do?
10. How about the old attitude? How do you think you would have fared, attitude-wise, by
  - verse 2?
  - verse 3?
  - verse 4?
  - verse 5?



***Can you say PERSPECTIVE?  
How does Perspective Impact our Attitude?  
Brandton said, "Faithfulness is Rooted in Gratitude."  
How can our attitude influence our Faithfulness to God?***

Here are Sunday's closing questions for further reflection or possibly group discussion:

- How has God come to your Aid?
- In What Way has God come to your aid, giving you a 2nd Chance, granting you grace, and/or showing you a way out of a trap, bondage, or sin?
- How will Your Attitude of Gratitude Cause you to focus on the God who's come to your aid?
- How will this Focus result in -----Forward Movement, -----Strengthened Faith, -----Glory to God's Name?

11. What would be some good suggestions for regaining a positive attitude?