

## **“Surrounded by Deliverance” (2)**

*“You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;  
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.” (Psalm 32:7 NKJV)*

### **Deliverance from Disappointment**

**Ruth 1:1-5** – (1) “In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. (2) The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. (3) But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. (4) These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, (5) and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.”

### **From Pleasant to Bitter**

**Ruth 1:6, 19-21** – (6) “Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. (19) So the two of them (*Ruth & Naomi*) went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, ‘Is this Naomi?’ (20) She said to them, ‘Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. (21) I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?’”

### **From Bitter to Blessed**

**Ruth 4:13-15** – (13) “So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. (14) Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! (15) He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.’”

<b>Key Point: Disappointments are His Appointments to Abundance</b>
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## **Response:**

### **(1) Remember God's Sovereignty**

“And the LORD said to Job: ‘Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.’ Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.’ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ‘Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?’” (Job 40:1-8)

### **(2) Acknowledge God in Everything**

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. *In all your ways acknowledge him*, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### **(3) Leave Outcomes to God**

“And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ *But I said, ‘I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;* yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.’ *And now the LORD says,* he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’” (Isaiah 49:3-6)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Have I allowed disappointments to defile my outlook on life?

Do I trust my Good Heavenly Father to make all things new and right in His time? (Rev. 21:5; James 1:17)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)