

**HOMEWORK** – (From Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg)

**Turn in at our next Confirmation Class on November 4 at Holy Trinity or email to Steve Eulberg - [seulberg@gmail.com](mailto:seulberg@gmail.com)**

**Read Genesis 12:1-8**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Read Ruth 1:16-22**

But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!”

<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, “Is this Naomi?” <sup>20</sup> She said to them, “Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

<sup>21</sup> I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty;  
why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me,  
and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

**QUESTIONS**

**Why did Naomi feel the need to have a new identity and change her name to Mara (bitterness) when she got back to Bethlehem?**

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**The bible teaches us to care for the widows, orphans and the stranger.**

**How do you see your church doing this?**

**How do you see God at work in this story in the Book of Ruth?**