

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

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. ² 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. ³ 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.

¹⁷ 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!”

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

¹⁹ 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?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

²¹ 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?”

²² 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?

(turn the page over, please)

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?