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I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 TLB

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried."
Ruth 1:16-17 NIV

"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." Ruth 1:20-21 NIV

"The experience of loss does not have to be the defining moment in our lives. Instead the defining moment can be our response to the loss." – Jerry Sittser

So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. Ruth 2:3 NIV

Suddenly, around midnight, he wakened and sat up, startled. There was a woman lying at his feet!

"Who are you?" he demanded.

"It's I, sir—Ruth," she replied. "Make me your wife according to God's law, for you are my close relative."

"Thank God for a girl like you!" he exclaimed. . . . Now don't worry about a thing, my child; I'll handle all the details, for everyone knows what a wonderful person you are. Ruth 3:8-11 TLB

So Boaz married Ruth, and when he slept with her, the Lord gave her a son. Ruth 4:13 TLB

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