

# REFLECTION GUIDE

5.5.24

## INTRO

During our Wonder Women series, the weekly reflection guides will focus on the story of Ruth. Today's passage is Ruth 1:19-2:12. Read and consider the passage's application in your own life.

## THOUGHTS

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## PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for being my source of hope. I am sorry for the times I've doubted you. I pray that I will always abound in hope no matter what tomorrow holds because you are my strong foundation. Use my life however you will to share this hope with others. Amen.

## DIGGING DEEPER

- What stood out to you about today's portion of Ruth's story?
- Naomi felt so hopeless and bitter that she asked to be called by the name "Mara" which means *bitterness*. Have you ever experienced this type of hopelessness before? How did you work through it?
- Romans 15:13 says, "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." [NLT]
  - When was the last time you experienced "confident hope"?
  - It can be difficult to trust God when we can't see a path forward. Describe a time when God came through for you. How can you use those memories to help you in the future?
  - This verse implies that our joy and peace are linked to our level of trust in God. Why do you think that is?
- In their culture, landowners would leave behind some grain when harvesting so that the poor could come to collect it. God provided for Ruth because Boaz cared for the poor. In what ways are you being used by God to meet someone else's needs?