# FROM BITTERNESS TO INTIMACY

*Broken to Bless – Week 3*
*July 11, 2021*

## KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ruth 1:1-5
- Ruth 1:12-22
- Ruth 2:8-12
- Ruth 3:8-13
- Isaiah 54:6-8
- Matthew 23:37-39

## KEY POINTS

- Naomi suffered a series of great losses but gained a great friend.
- Ruth's commitment to the Lord was not hinged on personal gain.
- God weaves his sovereignty as well as His mercy all the way through their lives.
- Boaz is a type of Christ as he upholds the law and redeems the lost.
- God is close to the broken and contrite heart.
- Naomi said she went away full and came back empty, but her emptiness created a gateway for intimacy with God.
- When brokenness breaks in, God opens his wings of protection and becomes our refuge.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your takeaway from Renée's testimony?
2. As we are now in the middle of this series, *Broken to Bless*, are you more able to embrace hard times? Explain.
3. Explain what "Intimacy with God" means.
4. Naomi was blessed by Ruth; do you have a Ruth in your life?