



## The Promise of Hope

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

### • God has a way of using \_\_\_\_\_

“Naomi 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. May the Lord deal with me be it ever so severely if even death separates you and me.”  
Ruth 1:16

“Don’t call me Naomi; 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... [pleasant and sweet?] The Lord has afflicted me. The Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.” Ruth 1:20

### • the experience of loss does not need to be

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“And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.” Ruth 4:17

“Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David.” Matthew 1:5-6a

“Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28