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SPEAKER	David Smith
TITLE	The Bible's Cinderella Story
SERIES	It's easy to know what to do when life's going good, but when trouble hits, things can get cloudy. By looking at the story of Ruth, we'll learn how to put our hope in the Lord, storm after storm, and find the silver lining.

Ruth was written to help us see the signposts of the grace of God in our lives, and to help us trust his grace even when the clouds are so thick that we can't see the road.

1. Which person (Ruth, Naomi or Boaz) do you relate to the most?
2. Provide 3 synonyms to hope. What do you think is our true hope in God?
3. When has God helped you to find the silver lining in bad events that occur in your day?
4. How can Jesus take us as we are AND never leave us that way? Is this possible?
5. Describe how Naomi's attitude has changed since the beginning of the book.
6. Is it possible to have a soulful connection with one who is unequally yoked? Why or Why not?
7. When or where have you seen God's providence provide extraordinary blessings in your life or the lives of others? How has God shown Himself to you in *ordinary* ways?
8. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says "He has made everything beautiful in its time." Considering your hardships and trials, how can Ecclesiastes 3:11 be applied to your life?
9. Describe a time in your life when good planning made a big difference. Has poor planning, or planning without consideration for God's principles, ever caused heartache in your life? What did you learn from the circumstances?
10. David said that honoring family pleases God. Why do you think this is true? Is it ever difficult? What steps can we take to better honor our families?
11. What blessings have you received through community? How do you think the blessings that you give to others through community will ultimately bring glory to God?

God wants us to know that when we follow him, our lives always mean more than we think they do. For the Christian there is always a connection between the ordinary events of life and the extraordinary work of God in history. Everything we do in obedience to God, no matter how small, is significant.