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April 11 and 12, 2015

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## “Plan B”

### “Never Saw That Coming”

Lessons from Naomi and Jesus

*... Don't ask me to leave you or turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Ruth 1:16 (NLT)*

## How to live when blindsided...

### 1. Let it out. “Get real, with the real God”

*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. Ruth 1:20-21 (NLT)*

Jesus... *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NIV)*

### 2. Let Him in... “Look for how He is working and take Him up on it!”

*But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the Lord reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. Ruth 1:8 (NLT)*

*But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. 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." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.*  
**Ruth 1:16-18 (NLT)**

*... When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. "Is it really Naomi? ..."*  
**Ruth 1:19 (NLT)**

### **3. Get with "His Help".**

*Boaz... "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband...May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."... "The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers."...Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.'"*

*Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else's field you might be harmed." So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.*

**Ruth 2:11-23 (NIV paraphrased)**

**Going deeper on your own.** Is there anything that has happened in your life that you just never saw coming? How has it affected your life? Read the book of Ruth this week and answer the following questions. How would you react if you absolutely knew God was with you in every situation? Why do you think it is so hard for us to imagine that God is with us when we're in the midst of a plan B situation? How would it change the way you looked at circumstances? Have you ever been tempted to place your faith in what God does instead of who He is? Again how would you live life if you knew for absolute sure He was with you in every situation? Write me and tell me at [jay@centerpointchurch.com](mailto:jay@centerpointchurch.com)