



DGM Message Summary: I Smell the Bread

Message Summary: Many times, God will allow us to make bad or wrong decisions. He will use these wrong choices to show us that He still loves us and beckons us to come back home. God is always cooking up something for you, even in the midst of your trials.

Scriptural References:

- **Ruth 1:1 - 15**

Key Points:

- There was famine in the land.
 - This was often a sign of God's displeasure
 - When your relationship with God is off nothing really works out like it should
 - When we abandon God we go further than we planned, stay longer and pay more than we expect
- For Israel to be out of bread was a big deal. Judah's family had to go to Moab. Wife and 2 sons
 - Naomi, her name meant sweet and she was
 - Her sons names meant sickness and consumption
- Naomi's husband chose easy over right and ran from God's discipline
- She was left with no husband. Like people who run off and leaves bills to pay
 - Just because something is legal doesn't make it wise
 - Choose your friends wisely. One bad decision can last decades
- Her sons died, in a foreign land. All she could do was return to her homeland
 - Sometimes our hardships are God's invitation to return home
 - God always welcomes those who decide to come home
 - § He doesn't discipline us to destroy us, but to bring us back where we belong
- Some of you have been in famine, a dry place and not comfortable any more
- "I smell the bread cooking in God's oven. He's up to something"
- Naomi had her two daughters in law.
 - Some people are in your life for a season. Others for a lifetime.
 - Some will play a role in your history, but not your destiny, and you have to let them go
- Naomi told the girls to go. Every parting does not have to be nasty or ugly.
 - She prays for them.
 - You can love someone and wish the best for them even if they are not in your life anymore.

- Sometimes you learn more about people at the end of a relationship than at the beginning
- She gave them a chance to bow out
 - § If you let someone Go, then they come back it may be from the Lord
 - § Ruth wanted to stay with Naomi. Naomi trusted and tested the relationship
- They return to Bethlehem and everyone is excited to see them
- Naomi had walked away from God and was a fool
 - God will treat you however you require. The harder your head, the sorer your backside
 - She had returned empty. Some decisions do that to us.
- But God had brought her back home to live another day.