

## I Came Back Empty: Ruth 1:19-22 Explained Sermon Challenge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE SERMON:** Why did Naomi want people to call her Mara? (3 points)

- She moved to Moab     She was angry at Ruth     She was bitter     She forgot her name

**THE CHARACTER CHALLENGE:** List six hardships Naomi experienced before returning. (2 points each)

1.                      2.                      3.                      4.                      5.                      6.

♦ **Bonus:** What new name did Naomi want people to call her (3 points)? \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY VERSE: Ruth 1:21** I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

What stands out to you in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**SERMON OUTLINE TRACKER:** Fill in the blanks as Pastor Josh preaches through each point.

**Point 1:** Everybody Is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**Point 2:** Naomi Doesn't Even Recognize \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**Point 3:** Naomi Thinks God Is \_\_\_\_\_ Her (2 points)

**Point 4:** What Naomi Couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**Point 5:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (2 points)

**QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE:** What does the name Naomi mean?

- Bitter     Pleasant     Faithful     Harvest (3 point)

**FIND IT IN YOUR BIBLE:** Find these verses in your KJV Bible during the sermon. (3 points each if found)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1:19	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1:20	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1:20-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1:22
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**BIG IDEAS:** What town did Naomi return to? \_\_\_\_\_. What season was beginning when Naomi arrived \_\_\_\_\_? (2 points each)

**CHALLENGE QUESTION:** What did Naomi say she came home as?

- Blessed     Full     Empty     Victorious (2 point)

**THE HARVEST CHALLENGE:** List three things Naomi could not see that God was already preparing?

1.                      2.                      3.                      (3 points)

**QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE:** What was beginning when Naomi arrived in Bethlehem?

- Wheat harvest     Barley harvest     Vintage season     Passover (2 points)

**TRUE OR FALSE** (3 points each)

1. The whole city noticed Naomi's return. TRUE FALSE
2. Naomi wanted people to call her Mara. TRUE FALSE
3. Mara means pleasant. TRUE FALSE
4. Naomi believed God had afflicted her. TRUE FALSE
5. Ruth returned to Bethlehem with Naomi. TRUE FALSE
6. The chapter begins with harvest and ends with famine. TRUE FALSE
7. Naomi thought her best days were behind her. TRUE FALSE

**WHO WAS IT?** Who returned to Bethlehem? \_\_\_\_\_ (3 points)

Who stood beside Naomi when she felt empty? \_\_\_\_\_ (3 points)

Who was Naomi's daughter in law? \_\_\_\_\_ (3 points)

**QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE:** When Naomi returned to Bethlehem, what was the reaction?

- Nobody noticed    A few people noticed    The whole city was moved    The city rejected her   (2 points)

**PERSONAL APPLICATION:** Have you ever gone through a tough season? \_\_\_\_\_

What lesson could you apply to future tough seasons? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 point each)

**ONE THING I LEARNED THAT I DIDN'T KNOW:** \_\_\_\_\_ (2 point)

**ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY** (Summarize today's sermon in one sentence): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**DISCUSSION:** Who saw Naomi's situation accurately?    Naomi    God

Why? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

**TRICK QUESTION CHALLENGE:** Who wrote the book of Ruth?

- Ruth    Naomi    Samuel    The Bible Doesn't Say   (1 point)

**FINAL CHALLENGE:** Complete sentence. God is working even when you can't \_\_\_\_\_ it. (2 points)

One question I have for the preacher that wasn't answered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

Other comments or notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Sermon:** Ruth 1:19-22, Bitter But Not Broken by Pastor Joshua Tapp. Read the chapter to prepare for the next sermon challenge.

★ **Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 100 Points   ► **Initial** (I completed this honestly on my own): \_\_\_\_\_

95-100 = Harvest Hero, 90-94 = Bethlehem Believer, 80-89 = Ruth's Friend  
70-79 = Good Listener, 60-69 = Bible Student, Below 60 = Keep Growing