"The Book of Ruth" A Conversation with Mara Don Williams- October 15, 2023

<u>Judges 21:25</u>

"In those days, there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Ruth 1:1-5

Ruth 1:6-9

Ruth 1:14-18

Ruth 1:19-22

Bitterness is a weight you carry that will hinder your relationship with God and with others.

A Conversation with Mara...

1) Be authentic about your disappointment with God.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Betsie Ten Boom~ "There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper."

2) Release your anger at the right target.

Romans 5:12

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—"

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Ephesians 6:12

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

3) Don't lose eternal perspective because of a current crisis.

This is a part of your story but it doesn't have to be the end of your story

4) Bitterness can blind you to the goodness all around you.

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