

SCRIPTURE: **Ruth 1:19 TO 21**



Context

[Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem](#)

19. So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And when they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20. She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21. "I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?"...

Cross References

[Exodus 15:23](#)

When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

Treasury of Scripture

*And she said to them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.*

*Naomi. that is, Pleasant ;;; **Mara that is Bitter.***

*You start your day with hopes of a great day, but Mara shows up, you meant well, but Mara showed up, final notice at your door, Mara showed up.*

*Let it stop*

*bishop let it stop*

*let the bitterness stop*

*let the hurts stop*

*let the pain stop*

*you are easily misunderstood*

## RUTH 1-4

- Watch for the three turning points in the story which show how God was working behind the scenes.
- Watch to see how Naomi's emptiness and bitterness are transformed into fullness and sweetness.



