

CROSS CHURCH

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
**THE DIRTY TRUTH
ABOUT LOVE: PART 2 -
DEALING WITH THE DIRT**

RUTH 1:1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

RUTH 1:6-7 When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

BREAKING THE DIRTY PATTERNS THAT HOLD OUR RELATIONSHIPS BACK:

1. Don't Stay Stuck.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

2. Don't Go Back.

RUTH 1:8-10 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

RUTH 1:14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

RUTH 1:15 A"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

GALATIANS 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

JOHN 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be **FREE INDEED.**

3. Make a Decision to Move Forward.

RUTH 1:16-17 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."

RUTH 4:14-17 Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer... He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age...'

PROVERBS 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish...

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