

“IT’S (NOT) A WONDERFUL LIFE!”

RUTH 1:1-5

Life usually doesn’t permit a do-over as we reap the consequences of our choices. Without perhaps even knowing it, the exit we took from God’s plan leads us onto thin ice.

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF SIN

① Strike 1 (1:1)

Instead of a heavenly King, Israel desired an earthly king. Yet even before that, they themselves wanted to be the _____ of _____.

Why was the choice to go to Moab unwise?

1. They _____ within (Proverbs 18:1)
2. They _____ around (Proverbs 3:5-6)
3. They _____ out (Proverbs 14:12)

② Strike 2 (1:2)

One of the marvels of _____ is to interact with real people in real situations.

This stressing of _____ is intentional and further emphasizes the proximity that these people had to God. He was their God and they were His people.

It’s one thing to journey somewhere but something else when we _____ there! The temporary was to become the permanent. No return date was set.

Everything has the potential to influence and impact us – for better or for worse (Galatians 6:7). Be careful where you _____ down.

③ Strike 3 (1:3-4)

_____ was never God’s original plan. But sin has a way of derailing what’s good and right and so it is with our lives on this planet.

Her _____ struggle would compete with her emotional struggle.

These two sons marry women from Moab and introduce their _____ into the equation!

Numerous examples line the biblical landscape of men who married women of foreign gods and the train wreck that resulted (1 Kings 11:1-4).

CONCLUSION

The woman’s family has perished. Her husband and sons have died. She alone is alive. It’s the tragic end to a promising household. What do you do when you walk through the valley of the shadow of death?

1. Remember the _____ of sin.
2. Remember the _____ who _____ with you.
3. Remember there are still _____ to come.
4. Remember _____.