

“THE SKY IS FALLING!”

RUTH 1:6-14 (Part 2)

A fogged up windshield or streak-filled mirror causes a lack of clarity. That's a potentially dangerous view of life since you may not truly see the bigger picture, let alone the smaller one. Such is the likelihood when difficulty enters your life.

WARNING SIGNS OF LOSING PERSPECTIVE

① Neglect _____ (1:6-7)

② Pursue _____ (1:8a)

③ Intensify _____ (1:8b)

④ Discharge _____ (1:9)

⑤ Emphasize _____ (1:10-11)

Naomi's greatest concern for these two ladies is their marital well-being. Instead, she should have been most concerned about their _____ well-being.

When you emphasize the horizontal, _____ is the goal of marriage. When you emphasize the vertical, _____ is the goal of marriage.

⑥ Lose _____ (1:12-13a)

She actually says it herself in the middle of 1:12. Hope is a beautiful friend to have around but in its absence, _____ moves in like a very bad roommate.

When you lose this precious resource, you tend to emphasize the _____.

⑦ Invite _____ (1:13b)

When the circumstances of life don't turn out the way we envisioned, we question the _____ of God.

She deemed God as an _____, not an _____.

CONCLUSION

Despite deep trials and tribulations, the Apostle Paul maintained that precious commodity we call perspective. He did so embracing three keys (2 Corinthians 4):

1. Your true _____ - _____ is internal and thus renewable (4:16).

2. Your true _____ is external and thus temporal (4:17).

3. Your true _____ is faith and thus eternal (4:18).