



When Life Turns Sour



"Don't call me Naomi," she responded. "Instead, call me Mara,[a] for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. 21 I went away full, but the Lord has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the Lord has caused me to suffer[b] and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?"

Ruth 1:20-21



Naomi became defined by her situation.



'Don't let your present circumstance define who you are. God is still working'.



'Don't let your present circumstance or past define who you are. God is still working'.

Naomi's Mistakes



1. Naomi focused on her regrets

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2. Naomi Looked Back with Rose Tinted Spectacles.

Naomi's Mistakes



I went away full, but the Lord has brought me home empty.

Ruth 1:21

In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in ... left his home and went to live in... Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him.

Ruth 1:21

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Naomi's Mistakes



3. Naomi Forgot Who She Was

Naomi means Pleasant


Mara means Bitter

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circumstance or
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*“While adoption does not undo
the past, adopting a child,
and more specifically an older
child, gives an adoptive family
the privilege of writing the
parts of the child’s story that
have not yet been written.”*
Caitlin Snyder

Naomi’s Mistakes 

4. She Focused On What
God Hadn’t Done

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circumstance or
past define who
you are. God is still
working’.