



Everything in our world demands two way love. "If you love me, then I'll love you." And this conditionality keeps us enslaved to fear, anxiety, insecurity and resentment. What we desperately need is one way love - love that sets us free to love with no love in return and when no one cares or notices. Join us for this new sermon series and discover the transforming power of God's one way love from the book of Ruth. Once you experience it, you'll never love the same way again.

1. Read Ruth 1:8-22. Those who have been transformed by the LORD show one way love to others. Specifically we see 4 characteristics of one way love on display in this passage. First, one way love always seeks God's best for others (vv.8-9a). Despite her grief and pain, Naomi thinks of Orpah and Ruth and asks the Lord to bless them. Who does the LORD want you to show one way love to by seeking his best for them, even despite your own pain and suffering?
2. Second, one way love willingly sacrifices for the good of others (vv.9b-14). Naomi is willing to suffer further loss by sending her daughters away so they might have a future. How does the LORD want you to sacrifice so that others will experience good?
3. Third, one way love is centered on God (vv.15-18). Ruth makes a beautiful declaration of her one way love for Naomi that is centered on the LORD. Who does the LORD want you to show one way love to? How will focusing on God's love for you in Jesus Christ equip you to love others in this way?
4. Finally, one way love flows from a heart emptied of self (vv.19-22). The Almighty (a.k.a. the all sufficient one) brought Naomi back empty so she could be full of him (see Heb. 12:5-11). Who or what do you need to be emptied of so that The Almighty can fill you up with more of himself?
5. Read Ephesians 3:14-19. As it is read consider how the LORD is speaking to you right now. Spend time praying together as a group. Ask him to fill you with his love - that you may know the love of God in Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the fullness of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.