

I AM A CHILD OF GOD + ROMANS 8:16 // I AM SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH + EPHESIANS 2:8 // I AM FORGIVEN + EPHESIANS 1:7 // I AM A NEW CREATION + 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 // I AM STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER + EPHESIANS 6:10 // I AM JUSTIFIED + ROMANS 3:1 // I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD + MATTHEW 5:14 // I AM BEING TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF MY MIND + ROMANS 12:2 // I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME + PHILIPPIANS 4:13 // I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR + ROMANS 8:37 // CHRIST, HIMSELF, IS IN ME + COLOSSIANS 1:27 // I AM FIRMLY ROOTED IN JESUS AND I AM BEING BUILT UP IN HIM + COLOSSIANS 2:17 // I HAVE BEEN MADE COMPLETE IN JESUS + COLOSSIANS 2:10 // I AM CHOSEN OF GOD, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED + COLOSSIANS 3:1 // I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SPIRIT OF POWER, LOVE, AND SELF-DISCIPLINE + 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 // I HAVE THE RIGHT T

Your Tragedy is Not Your Identity

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What happens in your heart when things in life don't go like you hoped they would?

>> Your identity is not your tragedy.

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Their identity shaped the tragedy.

Ruth 1

During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man left Bethlehem in Judah with his wife and two sons to stay in the territory of Moab for a while. The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the fields of Moab and settled there. Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, and she was left with her two sons. Her sons took Moabite women as their wives: one was named Orpah and the second was named Ruth. After they lived in Moab about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was left without her two children and without her husband. She and her daughters-in-law set out to return from the territory of Moab, because she had heard in Moab that the LORD had paid attention to his people's need by providing them food. She left the place where she had been living, accompanied by her two daughters-in-law, and traveled along the road leading back to the land of Judah. When they entered Bethlehem, the whole town was excited about their arrival and the local women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?" "Don't call me Naomi. Call me Mara," she answered, "for the Almighty has made me very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has opposed me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?" So Naomi came back from the territory of Moab with her daughter-in-law Ruth the Moabitess. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

>> Some people let their tragedy shape their identity, and others let their identity shape their tragedy.

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.