

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## Mother's Day: \*Shattered Dreams

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Ruth 1-4

Ruth 1:1-6

Ruth 1:16-22

When you are in the midst of shattered dreams,  
these are God's promises to you:

1. Promise: ***Fear*** is not from God.
2. Promise: God remains ***in control***.
3. Promise: I am not ***alone***.
4. Promise: God is ***still at work***.

### THE ONE THING:

***What we're going through is not unprecedented!***

### THE OTHER ONE THING:

***Trust God! He is our hope, joy and peace.***

\*The idea for the title was from *Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Path to Joy* by Larry Crabb.

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Romans 15:13.
- Evaluate your "trust quotient" in light of the current crisis.
- Consider how you can display hope, joy and peace to the watching world.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP STUDY

1. The Hebrew word "*hesed*" (rhymes with "blessed") is a key theme in the book of Ruth. Defined as "loyal, faithful, covenant-keeping love," it can be translated as "lovingkindness," "love," "mercy," (Psalm 136 KJV) and even "kindness," "devotion" and "loyalty" depending on your translation of the book of Ruth.
2. Read Ruth 1:8, Ruth 2:20 and Ruth 3:10. Based on these verses, how is *hesed* being expressed? By whom? In what context? *Hesed* is "often demonstrated as assistance shown to a more vulnerable party, to one unable to help him or herself." Would you agree based on these passages? Why?
3. How has God shown *hesed* to you?
4. What human(s) has shown you *hesed*? How?
5. To whom have you shown *hesed*? How?
6. To whom can you demonstrate *hesed* this week? What will you do?

Based on *Premium Roast with Ruth* by Sandra Glahn (pgs. 50-51).