I Can’t Control the Baggage Life Hands to Me, but I Can Control the Bitterness I Keep in Me
Naomi

When I Climb Into My Baggage,
I Become My Baggage
Don’t Nurse It

...in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem... went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion ...And they went to the country of Moab...

Ruth 1:1-3
Don’t Rehearse It

...Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:3-5
...she arose with her daughters-in-law... to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard...that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread. ...Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each to her mother’s house. ...it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!”

Ruth 1:6-8,13
Don’t Disperse It

...when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, “Is this Naomi?” But she said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?”

Ruth 1:19-21
Ruth

When I Check My Baggage, I Can Get to My Final Destination
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Ruth 1:4-5
But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me?... Turn back, my daughters, go... ...Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

Ruth 1:11-12,14-15
“Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you;...
...Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

Ruth 1:16
So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!

Ruth 4:13-14
Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “There is a son born to Naomi.” And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:17
Handle With Care