

# TRUE LOVE

Ruth 1:1-22; 4:13-17

## ♥u, Luv you! ...What is love?

### God's description of love

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*  
1 Corinthians 13:1-8a,13

Love does – 16 verbs

### A story of love in action

*"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."* Ruth 1:15-17

#### Love is sacrificial

*When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.* Ruth 1:18

- God sacrificed John 3:16; Romans 5:8

#### Love is faithful

*So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.* Ruth 1:22

- God is faithful 1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 13:5

#### Love never fails

*So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife... The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD... For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth"... And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.* Ruth 4:13-17

- God's love endures forever Psalm 136; Romans 8:38-39

### Follow the way of love

*We love because he first loved us.* 1 John 4:19