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**“Finding Joy and Wonder, in All our Lives, All the Time”**

**First in the Series: Inspired: The Whole of Life with God in the Picture**

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### **Next Steps:**

- 1) You have both wheat and weeds in your life – notice them both.**
- 2) Don't fake being happy about the lousy stuff.**
- 3) Turn towards the blessing, whatever it is today.**
- 4) Milk every bit of praise, awe, and wonder – this just might be the point of life.**

### **Ruth 1:1-7 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him. <sup>2</sup> The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi. Their two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. And when they reached Moab, they settled there.

<sup>3</sup> Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had blessed his people in Judah by giving them good crops again. So Naomi and her daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab to return to her homeland. <sup>7</sup> With her two daughters-in-law she set out from the place where she had been living, and they took the road that would lead them back to Judah.

### **Matthew 13:24-30 (NLT)**

<sup>24</sup> Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. <sup>26</sup> When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

<sup>27</sup> “The farmer's workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’

<sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed.

“‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked.

<sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he replied, ‘you'll uproot the wheat if you do. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

