

# Change, Change, Change

"Things sure have changed"  
"It ain't like it used to be"

Text - Ruth 1:14-21

## OUTLINE

### 1. CHANGE IS HARD:

IT REMINDS US WE AREN'T IN CONTROL

Men & the "Remote"  
↳ Don't want to see what's on TV, they want to see what else is on!

\* Changes forced on Naomi;

\* Moved twice  
\* husband died  
\* 2 sons married  
\* 2 sons died  
\* Lost rights to property & financial standing

### 2. CHANGE HURTS:

IT MOVES US OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

"Nobody likes change except a baby and even He cries about it."

\* our favorite

\* Bitterness set in

### 3. CHANGE IS HEALTHY:

\* our "Blankie"

\* Emptiness  
\* Depression

IT CAN LEAD TO NEW AND BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES

God's Blessing Equation:

God's Promise.....Our Problems.....God's Provision

"Progress is not possible w/o change, and those who cannot change their minds will never change anything." - George Bernard Shaw

### 4. IN CHANGING TIMES, GOD IS OUR STEADY REFUGE

Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble..."

Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I change not; ....."

"Disoriented"

- ex. - like being caught in the undertow of the ocean  
- vertigo in airplanes

When you're disoriented by change, remember:

(1) God's love for me will never change!

(2) God's Word never changes!

"our God Reigns!"

(3) God's Plan for me hasn't changed!

church bulletin's misprint  
"Our God resigns!"