

# **SHATTERED DREAMS**

Ruth 1:19-22      Jeff Schreve

*Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. Ruth 1:20*

## **What is the truth about shattered dreams?**

### **1. Everyone experiences some shattered dreams.**

A. God never promised a life without difficulties.

*Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.*

*John 16:33 NLT*

B. God sometimes allows His children to experience more.

### **2. When your dreams shatter, the devil moves in.**

A. He wants you to be consumed with pity.

*No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you...*

*Ruth 1:13*

B. He wants you to blame God.

*The LORD Himself has raised His fist against me. Ruth 1:13*

*"The Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, but the LORD brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?" Ruth 1:20-21*

C. He wants you to get bitter.

*Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara... Ruth 1:20*

### **3. When your dreams shatter, God is there.**

#### **A. He has special promises.**

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18*

*God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.  
James 4:6*

#### **B. He has supernatural ability.**

*Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too  
difficult for me? Jeremiah 32:27*

#### **C. He has a wonderful plan.**

*And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.  
Ruth 1:22*

**It is time for you to trust Him with your shattered dreams.**