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Complete this sentence: Home is...

I	¹⁹ So Naomi and Ruth	Home is where I come for
	travelled until they	I need to be in a helpful
	came to Bethlehem.	
	When they entered	I need to get in a helpful
	Bethlehem, the whole	
	town was stirred	Home is where I come for 20-21
	because of them, and the women of the town	I need to be honest about
	exclaimed, "Can this be	
	Naomi?"	I need to be honest about
	²⁰ "Do not call me	
	Naomi," she replied.	Home is where I come for
	"Call me Mara, because	God gives me the right
	the Almighty has dealt quite bitterly with me.	
	²¹ I went away full, but	God gives me the right
	the LORD has brought	
	me back empty. Why	×
	call me Naomi? After	
	all, the LORD has testified against me,	
	and the Almighty has	
	afflicted me."	
	²² So Naomi returned	
	from the land of Moab	
	with her daughter-in-	
	law Ruth the	
	Moabitess. And they	
	arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the	
	barley harvest.	
	Ruth 1:19-22	

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 9 Ian & Eleanor
- M 10 Mary F Church Council
- T 11 Jean H
- W 12 Myanmar orphans & students Diggers
- T 13 Paula & Paul
- F 14 Diane J
- S 15 Joan J. Lyn K
- S 16 Daniel T

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. What causes feelings of disappointment?
- 2. Naomi felt bitter, v20. How is bitterness different from sadness or disappointment?
- 3. How does Naomi describe the causes of her feelings, v20-21? Was she correct?
- 4. What help was provided by Naomi's old friends, v19b?
- 5. What resources did Naomi have that she failed to recognise, v22? Why did she not see these resources; and how could we have helped her to see them?
- 6. Why is the final sentence, v22b, such a great statement of optimism?

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