Ruth 1: 1 – 7 (NLT)

1 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. 2 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.
3 Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was
left with her two sons. 4 The two sons
married Moabite women. One married
a woman named Orpah, and the other
a woman named Ruth. But about ten
years later, 5 both Mahlon and Kilion
died. This left Naomi alone, without her
two sons or her husband.
6 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. 7 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)

24 Here is another story Jesus told: "The
Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who
planted good seed in his field. 25 But that
night as the workers slept, his enemy came
and planted weeds among the wheat, then
slipped away. 26 When the crop began to
grow and produce grain, the weeds also
grew.
27 "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?'
28 "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer
exclaimed.
"'Should we pull out the weeds?' they
asked.
29 "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the
wheat if you do. 30 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.'"

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Next Steps:

1. You have both _____ in your life – _____.
2. Don't _____ being happy about the _____ _____.
3. Turn towards the _____, whatever it is today.
4. _____every bit of _____ _____ – this just might be _____ _____.

Notes: