

SERMON NOTES

The Blessedness of Emptiness

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Ruth 1:21 (NLT)

21 I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?"

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NCV) We have this treasure from God, but we are like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that the great power is from God, not from us.

1. U____ DOWN

Proverbs 18:15 (TLB) 15 The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.

2. R_____SIDE-UP

Isaiah 49:20 (GW) 20 The children taken from you will say to you, "This place is too crowded for me. Make room for me to live here."

Mark 4:19 (NLT) 19 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.

3. UP BUT C_____ Psalm 147:3 (NKJV) 3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

4. UP AND C_

2 Kings 2:19-22 (MSG)

19 One day the men of the city said to Elisha, "You can see for yourself, master, how well our city is located. But the water is polluted and nothing grows." 20 He said, "Bring me a brand-new bowl and put some salt in it." They brought it to him. 21 He then went to the spring, sprinkled the salt into it, and proclaimed, "GOD's word: I've healed this water. It will no longer kill you or poison your land." 22 And sure enough, the water was healed—and remains so to this day, just as Elisha said.