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1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the
name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon (sickly, weak) and Chilion (frail). They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.
3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives;

- the name of the one was Orpah and
- the name of the other Ruth.
They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.
What does God want?

God wants His people to respond in keeping with their Covenant.
Famine (Old Covenant)

2 Chronicles 7:13-14<sup>ESV</sup>

13 When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people,
14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
Response to Tragedy - 
Turn to God 
Repent and Pray
Under the Old Covenant, THE LAND signifies relationship…

Genesis 15:18\textsuperscript{ESV}

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land…”
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When Tragedy Strikes…

1. Lament
2. Repent
3. Rest
A LAMENT (Psalm 38,124)

1. Introductory Cry to God
2. Lament
3. Confession of Trust
4. Petition
5. Vow of Praise (Logos Software)
Reasons for Suffering

1. God’s Discipline for our Sin (Hebrews 12:6)
2. A Result Someone else’s sin (Crucifixion)
3. A Result of living in a Fallen World (Romans 5)
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4. A Sanctifying Trial (James)
5. A Mystery Known but to God (Job)
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Matthew 7:11EV

11 If I who am evil, know how to give good gifts to my children, **how much more** will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
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A Redemptive Story