A. Love Without Limits (1:16-17):

1. **Said** – After Naomi sought to encourage Orpah and Ruth to go home, Ruth made it important to verbalize her feelings.
2. **Do not urge me** – Ruth repeatedly pushed against, as if she was attacking Naomi’s decision, insisting that Naomi does not seek to make her leave.
3. **Do not urge me** – Ruth clearly understood what happened to Naomi and what could happen.
4. **Leave** – Ruth is insisting that Naomi does not keep pressing her to abandon her leaving her to die.
5. **Turn back** – Ruth continues to insist that Naomi stop pressing her to go back home.
6. **Where you go** – Ruth with complete determination told Naomi that whatever righteous lifestyle and direction she chooses Ruth is going to imitate it.

   a) Ruth took on the potential for a crazy life for the right purposes.
7. **To leave or turn back** – What is best for Naomi is all Ruth is concerned about.
8. **To leave or turn back** – Ruth clearly understood Naomi was going back to be very poor.
9. **Lodge** – Ruth’s plan was to also live in the same place, wherever that maybe in Bethlehem, that Naomi was going to live.
10. **Your God, my God** – Ruth who came from a land of many gods choose to worship Jehovah.
11. **Your God, my God** – Ruth understood that the relationship must be based on the same convictions.
12. **Your people will be my people** – Ruth knew that to be among the Jews could be a horrible experience but she was still going to make the Jews a people she would willingly live with.
13. **Your people will be my people** – Ruth is committed to not create any conflict among friends of family.
14. **Die** – Ruth was also willing to face being killed if this was what Naomi would experience on the trip back home or when she returned home.
15. **May the Lord** – Ruth acknowledges a personal relationship with God.
16. **May the Lord** - By saying ‘may the Lord’ Ruth personalized her relationship with God demonstrating that she was a follower of Yahweh.
17. **Worse; More** – Ruth was so determined to be with Naomi that if God allows Naomi to experience any more than what she already has gone through Ruth is willing to continuously and endlessly accept additional pain even if it is a
curse from God.

B. Be Selfless (2:22-23):

1. **Said** – After a long day of work filled with kindness from Boaz Naomi decided to communicate her sincere desire for Ruth.
2. **Said** – Naomi recognizes Ruth’s commitment to her and seeks to serve her.
3. **It is good** – Naomi, upon hearing all that Ruth experienced during her day said that it would be more pleasant, providing excellent results for Ruth if she remained in Boaz's field.
4. **It is good** – Naomi, her situation is the same, but she still wanted what was best for Ruth.
5. **That you go out** – Ruth must repeatedly make it her specific focus to be in Boaz field.
6. **Do not fall upon you** – Naomi knew that once Ruth remain in Boaz's field, she would be protected from being harmed. Being harmed here is to be violently attacked to the point of possibly being killed.
7. **Do not fall upon you** – Ruth returned to Bethlehem to help sustain Naomi in her senior, childless years but now the script is flipped, and Naomi now seeks to protect Ruth.
8. **So she stay close** – Ruth listened to Naomi’s advice and remained in Boaz’s field. The verb here means that Ruth was stuck like glue to Boaz’s field implying she respected the advice that Naomi gave her and had no desire to be viciously harmed by anyone.
9. **Until the end** – Ruth decided to take advantage of the situation provided to her so that she can faithfully provide for Naomi and herself.
10. **Until the end** – No matter the danger, or the difficulty of the job Ruth finished the season.
11. **She lived** – No matter how successful Ruth was in the fields her commitment to her mother-in-law did not change.
12. **She lived** – Ruth planned to continuously support her mother-in-law. This was a permanent living arrangement in Ruth’s mind.
13. **She lived** – Both women continually did what was best for each other.

C. Unbreakable (3:1):

1. **Said to Ruth** – Naomi continuously addressed a lingering issue that is important to Ruth’s future (1:11-13; Titus 2:3).
2. **Said to Ruth** – Naomi, upon learning about Boaz, sought what was best for her.
3. **My daughter** – Ruth had become just as dear to Naomi and Naomi was to Ruth.
4. **My daughter** – When relationships with the Lord is right, they deepen.
5. **Seek** – Naomi said that Ruth need to be in a state of mind about seeking a husband. Ruth's focus is all on Naomi’s survival (1:16-18) because Naomi
was old (1:13).

6. **Seek** – Naomi was actively seeking to do what was best for Ruth.

7. **Security** – Naomi, being old and apparently cannot work in the fields, wanted Ruth to be able to rest since Ruth had to work so hard (2:7, 17 – sitting in the house for a while; 2:9 – when you are thirsty – hot in the fields) to keep both Naomi and her surviving.

   a) Boaz provided her direction (vs. 8-9a), protection (vs. 9b), and provision (vs. 9c, 15-16).

8. **Security** – Naomi was up in age so leaving Ruth, a Moabitess as a widow was not good.

9. **Well; acceptable, pleasant** – Naomi wanted Ruth to continuously experience a life more pleasant and prosperous.

10. **So it may be well** – Naomi wanted for Ruth what Ruth wanted for Naomi.

11. **So it may be well** – Ruth’s support freed Naomi to think more about Ruth’s future.

12. **So it may be well** – It was no longer survival, it was experiencing God’s goodness.

13. **So it may be well** – Loyalty God’s style always produces blessed results.