



# Love Hurts

Ruth 1

when love hurts



NAOMI

The Tragic Hero

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“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them.  
“Call me Mara, because the Almighty  
has made my life very bitter. I went  
away full, but the LORD has brought  
me back empty. Why call me Naomi?  
The LORD has afflicted me; the  
Almighty has brought misfortune on  
me.”

-Ruth 1: 20-21

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“He that hath  
wife and  
children hath  
given hostages  
to fortune.”

-Sir Francis Bacon

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Real love means  
vulnerability.

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This is how we know what love  
is: Jesus Christ laid down his  
life for us.

-I John 3: 16

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“There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken.”

-C.S. Lewis

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“If you want to make sure of keeping your heart intact, you must give it to no one...wrap it around hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the coffin of your selfishness.”

-C.S. Lewis

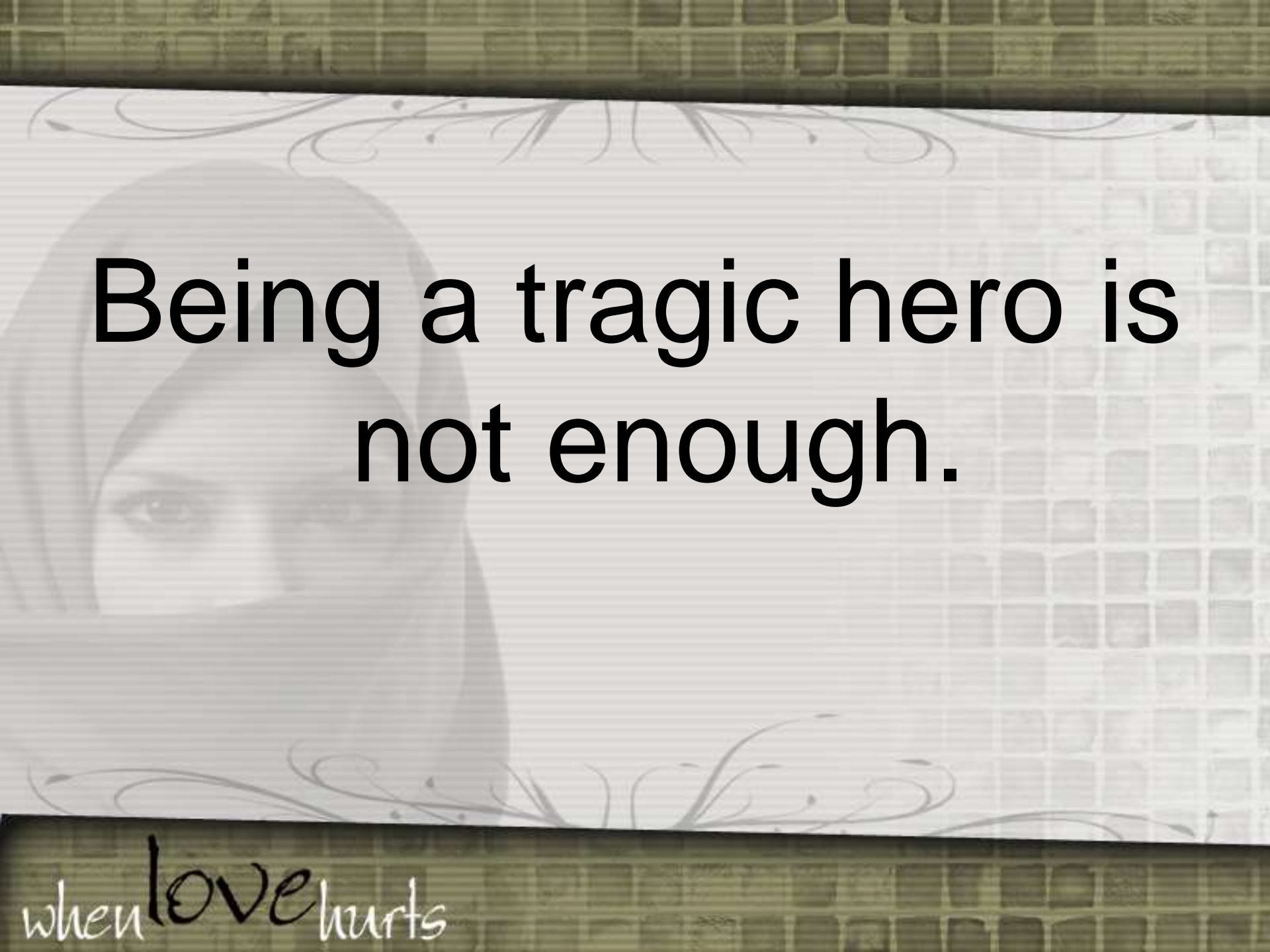
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“But in that casket it will change. It will not be broken; but it will become... irredeemable. The alternative to the risk of tragedy is damnation.”

-C.S. Lewis

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Being a tragic hero is  
not enough.

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# RUTH

The Godly Lover

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But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God my God.”


-Ruth 1: 16

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But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up?

-Ruth 1: 11-13

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A woman's face is visible in the background, wearing a light-colored hijab. The image is overlaid with a decorative pattern of small squares and floral motifs. The text is centered in a large, bold, black font.

Real love is refusing  
to walk away from  
vulnerability.

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This is how we know what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.  
And we ought to lay down our lives  
for our brothers. If anyone has  
material possessions and sees his  
brother in need but has no pity on  
him, how can the love of God be in  
him?

-1 John 3: 16-17

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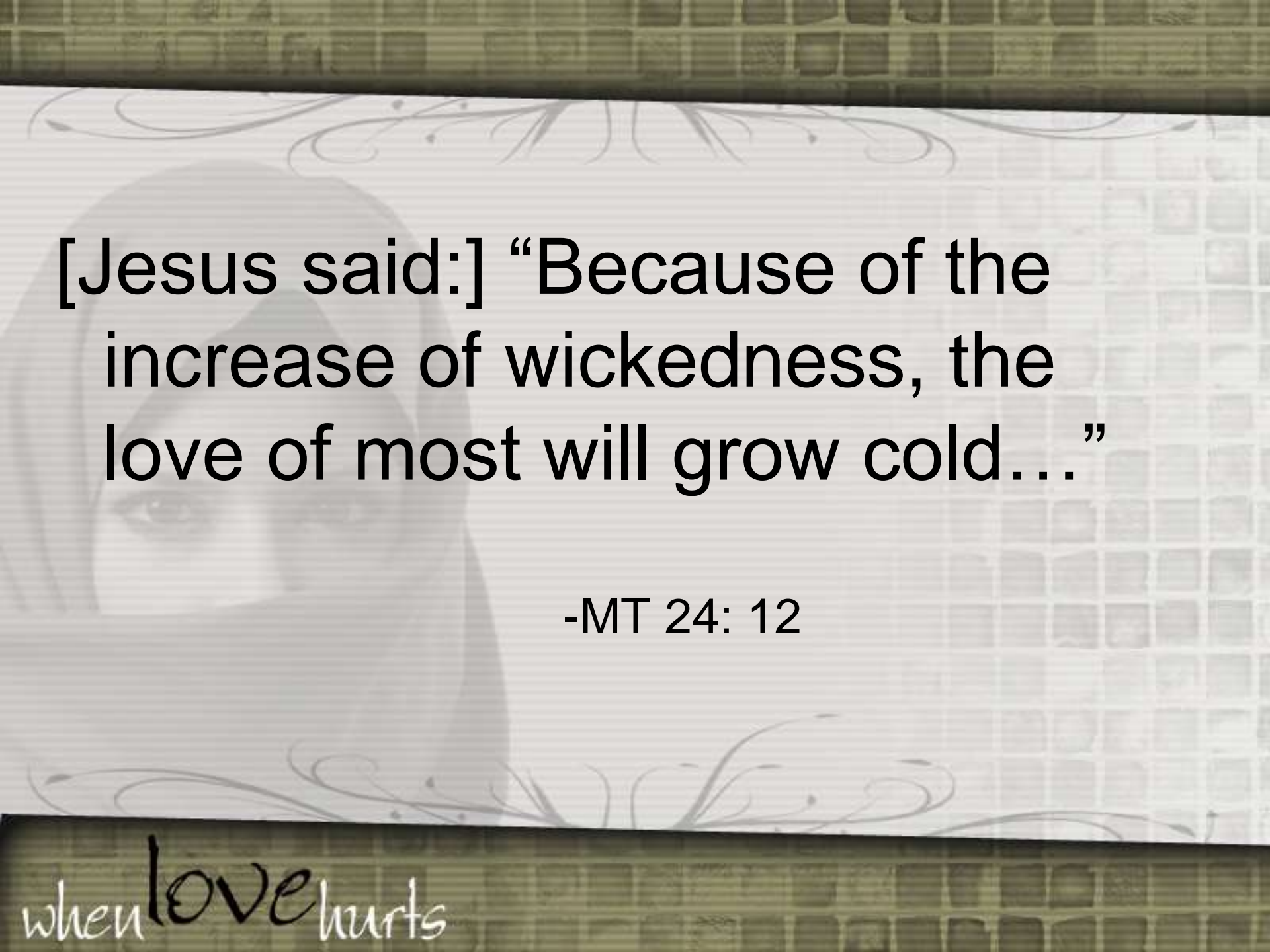
Who are the Naomis in your life?





Real love does not  
come naturally.

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[Jesus said:] “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold...”

-MT 24: 12

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# “The Bystander Effect”

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Real love comes  
supernaturally.

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“Think big. But don’t stop being faithful in small things.”

-D.A. Carson

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“If you only go where there’s fruit, you send missionaries to South Korea, not to Japan.”

-D.A. Carson

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