

Friending  
Week 6 - Amidst Weakness  
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How do we respond to weakness?

The surprise about weakness...

**Big Idea:** True friendship is the product of \_\_\_\_\_ someone else in their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Passage:** Ruth 1

**3 Lessons from Ruth and Naomi's "Fight"**

1. We're afraid of being \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_), so we push others away. (1:7-14)

2. True friends push through our \_\_\_\_\_ and keep \_\_\_\_\_. (1:15-17)

3. Friends hold space for our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1:19-21)

**Jesus and Weakness - Isaiah 53:2-6**

**Interview with Scott and Dani**

### **Next Steps:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the place where you're afraid of being vulnerable or showing weakness.
2. Determine the \_\_\_\_\_ in your life with whom you can be vulnerable.
3. Seize an \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal a weakness or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a friend's weakness.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- When has a weakness of yours been something that was used against you?
- When has a weakness of yours been something that created a bridge or a bond with someone?
- Pastor Scott shared a quote from Henri Nouwen, which included the following words. "Someone once said to me, 'Never show your weakness, for you will be used; never be vulnerable, for you will get hurt; never depend on others, for you will lose your freedom.'" Do you hold to any of those beliefs? If so, how do they impact your friendships?
- Who has been a "Ruth" in your life, pushing through your fears and continuing to show up? What has that meant to you? Have you expressed gratitude to that person? If not, take that step this week.
- How does the sacrificial faithfulness of Ruth towards Naomi point us to and remind us of how Jesus treats us?
- In what way(s) is this group holding space for your weakness and brokenness? How can we do a better job in this area?

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