

## Fellowship Group Questions for *The Power of Redeeming Love*

### Sermon #3 – *All-In Commitment*

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If someone were to say to you that they're "all-in" what would that mean?

Read Ruth's statement of commitment in Ruth 1:16-17. Which one of her statements stands out most to you?

This kind of commitment on Ruth's part is exceptional but for Ruth why was it even that much more exceptional? **We are looking for the main characteristics that we talked about on Sunday: 1. She was committed despite the negative circumstances around her, 2. She was committed despite the poor examples around her, 3. She was committed despite the discouraging advice she received, 4. She was committed despite no guarantee of good coming out of it.**

How would having poor examples of commitment around you hamper your desire to be committed?

Who do you know who exhibits the kind of commitment that characterized Ruth's commitment?

Read Luke 14:25-27, 33. Jesus laid out some seemingly difficult demands for being one of his disciples. How does what Jesus said parallel what we see in Ruth? **Jesus was calling people to radical commitment if they really wanted to be his disciple. If they were to follow him they would need to choose him above everyone else including family. If they were to follow him they would have to choose to do so even to the point of death. If they were to follow him they would have to choose him above all that they owned. Ruth put Naomi above her own family. She put herself in a dangerous situation as a foreigner moving into a foreign country. She left everything to cling to Naomi.**

Is it possible for our commitments to fluctuate or waver? **Peter is a prime example of a guy whose commitment wavered. At one point he was all in for Jesus: Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." Luke 22:33 (NLT) It was just a few hours later, out of fear for his own safety, that he denied that he even knew Jesus (Luke 22:55-62). So, yes, it is possible for us to waver in our commitments.**

What can we do to keep from wavering in our commitments? **Rehearsing or reminding yourself of the commitments that you've made is one way to keep from wavering. Pastor Randy shared that one of the reasons that he enjoys performing weddings is because it helps to keep him accountable to his own marriage commitment. It is a way for him to rehearse the commitment that he made to his wife when they were married.**

**Another important way to keep from wavering in your commitments is to bring them consistently before the Lord. We must remain humble recognizing that without the help of the Lord we will not stay true to our commitments.**

Don't answer this out loud unless you would like to ask the group for prayer—has the Holy Spirit convicted you about wavering in your commitments? If so, bring it before the Lord, ask Him for the strength to have the all-in kind of commitment that you need, and then re-commit yourself to that area in which you have wavered.

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