

In the Scripture, the husband of Naomi unexpectedly died, then ten years later both of her married sons died. Heartbroken and destitute, Naomi decided to move back to Bethlehem. Her daughter-in-law Ruth refused to leave her, but Orpah did. Naomi could have felt betrayed and angry, but instead, she kissed Orpah goodbye. Orpah represented Naomi's hurts, disappointments, and broken dreams. Naomi was saying by her actions: "Life hasn't been fair, but God will turn this to my advantage", which is exactly what happened later in Bethlehem.

When life doesn't turn out the way you hoped, you need to learn to kiss negative things goodbye. People may walk away. It's tempting to get bitter, hold a grudge, lose your passion. You need to kiss the bitterness goodbye, kiss the person that left you goodbye, kiss the dream that didn't work out goodbye. You can't embrace the new things God has in store for you as long as you are still holding on to the old.

Ruth 1:9 "Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud..."