

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON FIFTY-THREE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

How well do you wait? Many of us love the passage in Psalms 37. It is a great way for us to get through our struggles just like it was for David against his enemies.

³ **Trust** in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

⁴ **Delight** thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

⁵ **Commit** thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And then there is this verse.

⁷ **Rest** in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Wait, what? Rest? Some translations say 'be still' which is also hard, but REST? I used to read verses 3-5 and say "yes, Lord, my delight is in you. I will gladly commit myself and my problems to you and trust you to do what is best." But one day I read a few more verses and suddenly had to face the additional command of verse seven which says to REST. "Are you sure Lord? How do I rest (be still or wait)?" Then I realized I wasn't totally trusting until I could completely let it in His hands and be willing to wait for His timing.

Boaz obviously cared about Ruth. He cared enough to not be self centered. He wanted to do what was best for Ruth. Ruth trusted Boaz. There was probably even a certain amount of delight in each other. She was willing to commit herself to him. But she also had to learn to wait. She had taken a giant step of doing what she did but now she had to wait for the answer. She truly had to trust Boaz to do what is best for her.

Our situation is different in that we know that God's way is always best. We know that He truly cares for us. We know that as we delight in Him we can commit our ways to Him for wisdom and all our needs will be met according to His riches in glory.

"Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We are also told that in *Isaiah 40:31* that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Ruth's wait was worth it for herself as well as for future generations, including our future through her descendant, Jesus. Obviously, our wait is worth it too. Not only do we have many promises that are awarded to us as we wait here on earth, but we also have the hope of eternity.

Waiting still isn't easy, but the more we practice waiting on Him, the more we realize how much we can trust Him.

God bless you as you wait on Him for your every need.

Love and Prayers,

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