

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SEVENTY-EIGHT COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

How proud are you of the heritage you have been given? How proud of you of the heritage you are giving others? If God were to record and share our history along with our personal failures, how would we feel?

David was very loved by God, yet his heritage and failures were not something we would be anxious to be shared if it was our story. As Sandy shared, his life was filled with ups and downs. He did not have an easy life. The difference in how he made it through struggles may be in how his faith never wavered. He recognized his sin and repented. He continued to turn to God as his refuge. We serve an awesome God who sees our every sin and yet is always ready to forgive us and lift us up when we turn to Him.

David's background included a harlot, Rahab, the mother of Boaz, Ruth's redeemer. In spite of Rahab's sin, she became the one who helped God's plan in Jericho to be completed. She became the wife of Salmon and the mother of Boaz.

Sandy stated that God has the answer, but He may not always share it with us. We would always like to have answers to our questions immediately. We are a fast response required type of people. Sometimes He wants to teach us something. Sometimes it is just because it is an important part of God's greater plan. It is up to us to learn to trust Him even when we don't get those answers or understand His plan.

I clearly remember when I was a young teen attending a Youth For Christ conference in Ocean City and had the words "He is the Answer" written on my Bible. I stopped at a Pizza shop and an employee asked me about it. He seemed to be intrigued by these words. I had an opportunity to share that God truly is the answer for every one of our needs. He definitely has all the answers for our every need if we will turn our lives completely to Him. He not only has the answer, but He is the answer. He always has a plan. He may not always show us His plan, but He promises to meet our needs as we walk with Him through this journey.

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

The heritage we received may not be our responsibility, but the heritage we give others is up to us. We have a daily choice to either try to live life our way or give God control of our lives so we can not only affect ourselves and others each day, but also those who look to us for their heritage. God obviously cares about each person in each generation. What would God say about the heritage we give others? Will He say "Well done good and faithful servant"(Matt 25: 21 & 23) and maybe even that we were a person after "God's Own Heart",(I Sam.13:14) like he did of David in spite of his failures and his many trials?

May our week be filled with great choices. Each day matters. Our legacy matters too.

Love and Prayers,

Sandy Yates