

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON SIXTY-FOUR COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

When is the last time you prayed for patience? It used to be almost a joke when some of our church seemed to be going through trials. "Have you been praying for patience lately?"

Even though we are trying to do things right and follow God in our lives, we still get faced with trials. It is not our first reaction to 'Count it all joy' when we face trials or temptations. Yet it is through these very challenges in life that we grow closer to God if we learn to be patient and let God do His perfect work.

Boaz tried to do the right thing according to the law even though it could have cost him what he really wanted. I can imagine that it tried and tested his patience. Yet Boaz rested and waited. His patience was rewarded with the answers he hoped for in that he was able to redeem Ruth as his wife.

Our patience doesn't always seem to be rewarded at the time, but it is what we learn and how we grow that is what becomes our reward. We learn that God is faithful and that He will carry us through each trial. When we recognize that we are participating in the suffering of Christ and that He is able to carry us through each trial, we become stronger because of His strength. Trials are never fun, but growing in Christ can truly make us joyful and grateful for God's bigger plan.

May we learn to count it all joy when we face obstacles and training that draws us closer to our Lord. Have a blessed week.

Love and Prayers,

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