

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SEVENTEEN COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Our lesson today is based on the **returns** that are mentioned often in the book of Ruth.

Sometimes it is very helpful for us to think about where we stand with the Lord. A new Christian often has a contagious zeal for sharing their experience. Anyone who has had a great experience with something is anxious to tell family and friends about it. Facebook is often filled with stories of someone's exciting vacation, great meal, big adventure, or new vehicle, etc. We just want to share our experiences sometimes.

What have we been experiencing with Christ? Are we still excited about who He is and what He is doing in our lives? It is very easy to get complacent. Like communication is very important in marriage, communication with our Lord daily is very important. Not reading the love letter from our Lord (God's Word), talking to Him in prayer and throughout the day as we would with our spouse, and fellowshiping with fellow Christians (family) isolates us to our circumstances without the one who wants to be our leader, provider, and lover. The growth in our spiritual lives becomes malnourished. We become weak and unable to face the daily tasks before us. My husband used to say that we are either growing and going forward or we are getting weak and, by default, going backward.

If we remember a time when we made a commitment to Jesus, we should remember that we were given a new life in which to grow closer to God and be loved abundantly. Do we still cherish that new life like we should? Or do we need to **return to a deeper love and closeness to our Lord so we can go forward in our journey with a renewed commitment to put Him in charge of our journey?** He had a plan for Naomi and Ruth. He has a plan for us and will provide the direction we need to grow and go forward into a deeper closeness with our Lord.

May we each **return** to our God's best plan for our lives and tell others about His love and what he has been doing in our lives. May our lives be filled with renewed joy as we walk more closely to Him and toward His greater plan.

Love and Prayers,

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