

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON TWENTY-SEVEN COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

In our area, seasons seem more pronounced than some areas. I love watching all the new growth, the green grass and leaves on trees, and especially all the beauty of new flowers that Spring brings, but I am also thankful that every season brings something for which to be grateful.

Each season can also bring new challenges also. God not only gives us seasons in weather, but sometimes we have seasons of sharing with our loved ones. If you are in a season of not having loved ones to share this season, I pray that you find hope in knowing that God loves you and always has blessings prepared for you as you look to Him.

In our lesson today, we find that Naomi, who lost her husband and sons and Ruth, who also lost her husband, were given a great surprise when they entered God's land of Israel. They had no idea what they would face when they entered this land, but Naomi soon realized that through her husband, she had a kinsman who, in fact, was considered to be a mighty man of wealth.

Sandy Harber has done an amazing job of connecting the family relationships that are at the heart of this story and how God has carried out a plan to restore hope to bless Naomi and Ruth. Beyond that, we will find that God ties our story to the birth of Jesus. Then we will learn that it will climax in the Wheat Harvest Feast, later called the Feast of Pentecost. This story may have seemed like a simple grief and love story, but I hope you carefully read Sandy's lessons so that you get the depth of this story and how it relates to our lives today as it takes us through many seasons that continue to affect our lives.

Sandy Harber has been a tremendous blessing to me through my grieving process. I especially appreciate the research and application she has given to each lesson. I also appreciate each of you and the part you play in my life. God always has blessings in store when we give Him our lives and look to Him in the midst of our circumstances. God's seasons are a very important part of Biblical history. He also speaks to us of our present times as well future events. Each season brings challenges, but more importantly, they each bring new hope to us as Christians.

Have a blessed week of seeking God's will for this season of your life. May we find God's rich blessings in this season of our lives. We can begin by praising Him for the hope that He gives us each day in each season. Then we can also praise God for the many blessings He gives us daily.

I would like to repeat the verse that Sandy shared.

"The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee." Psalm 145:9-10

May you find this season of your life become an abundant blessing in a new way.

Love and prayers,
Sandy Yates

