

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON TWENTY-TWO COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Although Jesus knew His purpose on earth was to die for our sins, He said “ Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering from me, Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Can you imagine the struggle that He faced? But have you also ever thought about the pain it caused God to give His only begotten son for us? As parents, we used to hear that parents would tell their kids that this spanking will hurt you more than me. Physical pain is awful but so is emotional pain. The hardest part for Jesus was the weight of our sin and separation from his Father while that sin was upon Him. Yet the relationship factor can also a very intense pain. Sometimes I wondered why God waited so long to send His son to redeem us until I think about how hard it must have been to send Him to go through this pain.

Sometimes our pain is so strong that our spirit becomes immensely weak. It becomes so much harder to lift our sprit up into the presence of the one who can provide the help and answers that we know we need. I knew that God could provide my needs and make me whole again, as much as I can be without my other half, but I felt like the life and wind had been pulled out of me. It was really a struggle to sit before God and almost beg for wholeness and healing. Life would never be the same. We all know that we may have to face losing someone we deeply love someday. Knowing that our loved one is in glory helps greatly, but is it an easy process? Of course not.

But God! But God Almighty is still waiting to nourish us and begin the healing process supernaturally. He can satisfy our every need. He can turn our suffering into a deeper relationship with Him in which we can find comfort, strength and even joy that He alone can give. He can turn our pain, and sometimes bitterness, into a relationship that no one on earth can possibly give us. His love is greater than any earthly person’s love. I often pictured myself at the feet of Jesus and relaxing in God’s dwelling place while being hugged with the most pure love anyone can experience. I just felt like hiding and letting God cover me with His wings as a mother hen covers her little ones from the storms. I felt like a child who needed my loving Father like never before.

*Psalms 91:4 says “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”*

Sandy referred to the Almighty being interpreted as a mountain.

*Isaiah 54:10 says “For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then, my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken, says the Lord who has mercy on you.”*

Sandy put it so well when she shared her grief after losing her husband. She said that God doesn’t owe us an explanation. Please read her lesson to better understand all of this, but as a reminder, she shared the following:

“But Scripture also tells us that Jesus, as God Almighty, shelter us in time of trouble and provides for all our needs. He is all-sufficient. No problem is too big for Him to handle. In my grief over the loss of my husband, I found comfort in the Almighty by meditating on Psalm 91:1,2.”

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in him will I trust." Psalm 91:1-2.*

We don't need to experience grief to need the wonderful love of our Heavenly Father. He is just waiting for us to recognize our need and call on Him to provide that wonderful loving care that only He can give. I hope you are doing very well, but if you are going through any struggle right now, I hope you will reach out to our Heavenly Father for His Supernatural loving care. You can also reach out to me if you need additional prayer at any time. It is always ok to reach out to us. If we don't answer immediately, please leave a message so we can respond as soon as possible. We believe God brought you to this group for a reason and we want God to use us to care for you in any way we can.

May God bless your week with many gifts from above and joy in the midst of anything you may be facing.

Love and prayers,  
Sandy Yates