

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON FOURTEEN COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Our lesson this week is a continuation from last week so it may seem rather familiar. Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah were broken to tears. They had to make life-changing decisions on what would be best for themselves or each other. Should they be selfish or devoted to each other. Did devotion to each other actually even mean being selfish? Naomi was the only one who had made the journey to Moab and was also the only one who had experienced living in Bethlehem. No doubt her teaching when she was younger was very different than what Ruth and Orpah had experienced in the land of Moab until they met Naomi. Naomi probably taught her daughters in law many things but now she still questioned what she could give the daughters in law that she had grown to care for. She definitely couldn't give them husbands again which she knew was very important at that time.

Ruth and Orpah were brought up in a very different atmosphere and land that did not honor God. Naomi probably didn't feel that she was even a great example of her honoring God at this point. She was actually feeling bitter about her circumstances. She also knew that she made mistakes and wondered if God would give her a second chance. How could she be the example she should be? I can imagine myself struggling with many emotions in wanting to be able to be a good example but having to be honest with the feelings that I wasn't proud to display. I remember a time of being frustrated with God at a time that I wanted to be an example of His goodness but that is not what it looked like at the time. What could she truly offer her daughters-in-law Was she just being selfish by wanting their company? Ruth and Orpah were very willing to stay with her but Orpah eventually made the decision to go back to her people.

Did Ruth's commitment to Naomi increase Naomi's hope? Did she remember the lessons she had in her younger years about God?

Sandy ended the lesson with the following verse: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*

*David knew that he had to depend on God to light his way. He was aware of his failures but he also knew that when he turned to God, God would show him the right path and light his way.*

*No matter how broken we feel, how alone, or how confusing our path looks, Jesus has also given us the promise that He will be our light and we can depend on him to show us the lightened path to take. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12*

*May we daily seek Him and walk in a His light. The journey may be difficult, but He will provide all that we need. Have a blessed week.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Sandy Yates*