

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SEVENTY-FOUR AND SEVENTY-FIVE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Do you know what your name means? Many years ago, I discovered that the name Sandy meant helper. My first thought was that it doesn't seem very important, but through the years I have learned to cherish that role. I loved being a helper to my husband. In ministry, I really enjoyed being a mentor and helper to those who wanted to grow closer to the Lord or had other needs. There are many ways that I have since become happy to play that role. I also realized that my most important role was to be a helper to sharing God's love. I am certainly honored to serve Jesus as a helper in any way that I can be.

Sandy shared the meaning of "Obed" was servant. For an unknown reason, we weren't told why that name was chosen by the women of the town, but we know that God had a purpose in every detail of this child's life. The woman knew that he was going to be an heir to Boaz who was one of the town's richest people, Ruth's redeemer.

As I have shared before, my husband always said that "pride" was the original and root of all sin. When Satan tempted Eve, it was the deceit of pride. When Satan tempted Jesus, he tried to question Jesus being the Son of God, Luke 4:3, "If thou be the Son of God".

Jesus already knew He was the Son of God but Satan tried to challenge Him, promising Him power and kingdoms if He would worship him (Luke 4:3-12). Satan's pride was still showing strong when he thought that he could give Jesus more than Jesus already knew was His, but Jesus repeated scripture to Satan. In doing so, Jesus gave us a great example of how defeat our enemy, Satan, to overcome temptation by claiming scripture to overcome our pride and defeat temptation. We naturally feel like we have to do everything on our own. We forget that we can use the super-natural power of Jesus when we learn to submit to Him as a servant to our Lord. Satan definitely knows all of our weaknesses and looks for ways to deceive us and remind us that we can think for ourselves. We often think we are too important to submit to others or serve Jesus by submitting to Him.

Even though I enjoy being a helper, I must admit that I fail miserably in submitting to serving Jesus in so many ways. It is a daily struggle. Pride still makes me think that I can do many things on my own. We all like to think for ourselves but the more we can submit to Jesus, the more we can become overcomers. No matter how much we conquer the big things, there are always little things that we too easily ignore. May we truly submit more each day to the one who is worth serving, our King and Redeemer, Jesus.

Have a victorious week of serving Jesus and others that Jesus leads us to serve.

Love and Prayers,

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