

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON TWENTY-NINE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

*I Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give Thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

I lost my husband two years ago, but this year we also gained to another new great-grandchildren (total of 6 now). The loss is very difficult, but welcoming the new babies has brought new life to our family also. It certainly doesn't remove the pain, but I praise God for the many ways that He provides joy throughout our journey. In spite of any struggles that we may be facing, Jesus promised us His joy and that our joy will be full. *"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My Love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you that My Joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full," John 15:10 and 11.* Even in our sorrow, struggles, stress and various challenges, Jesus wants to give us joy. Joy does not depend on our circumstances or even our happiness. Joy is what Jesus came to give us in this life while we wait for our ultimate eternal life. Satan's goal is to bind us with depression, hopelessness, and anxiety that would take our eyes off of our source of Joy. Our job is to concentrate on the one who loves us and to learn to give thanks in everything. The more we draw close to Jesus and seek Him and His will, the more Jesus can fill us with that joy. *". . .and though you have not seen Him, you love Him and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory." I Peter 1:8. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." II Corinthians 9:15.*

Today's lesson is about God's will. In a previous lesson, I shared *"I Thes. 5:16-18 in which it says, Rejoice always, "pray continually, "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* I always concentrated on the fact that it was God's will for us is to give thanks, but then God reminded me that if I want to know God's will, I should start by giving Him thanks. God will complete His will, but when we seek God and come to Him in thanksgiving, we can open the door to His many blessings in our lives and we can more freely walk in the joy that He gives us through His Son Jesus. *I Kings 8:49, "Then hear thou their prayer and supplication in heaven they dwelling place,"* Have you ever thought about how we can reach God's dwelling place with our prayers and praise?

If you have any special needs, please let us know. Sandy Harber and I would be happy to pray with you or help in any way we can. Please feel free to text or call me at 717-798-4155.

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Love and Prayers,  
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