

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON FORTY-SEVEN COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

My husband always said that pride is at the root of all sin. It was the first sin that satan used to deceive Eve when she accepted his advice questioning God's authority and instructions.

Because of her decision, the knowledge of good and evil now becomes dependent on what we learn through teaching and circumstances rather than directly from God. Sometimes the more we learn, the more we become confident in thinking that we know better than others. This became a downfall for Eve and can also become a downfall for us if we decide that we know more than God and may not need Him in our lives. Needing others, especially God, is often not our first thought unless we are in deep need. Yet this is the point at which we often need to be before we willingly reach out to Jesus, our redeemer.

Why would we want to lower ourselves to be at the feet of someone else? It can be a very humbling experience, yet the Bible has many references to people falling at the feet of Jesus. There are many examples of Jesus giving healing, casting out demons, and providing teachings. It is often not until we realize that we have a need that is beyond ourselves that we reach out to God.

Naomi loved Ruth and recognized her need for a redeemer. She told her to prepare herself and present herself to the one who could become her redeemer. Ruth may have questioned her advice, but she didn't hesitate because she knew that Naomi wanted the best for Ruth. Yet it may have been a very humbling experience. She did realize that she had a need, so she did as Naomi told her. True needs bring us very low. Ruth was a widow and was probably still grieving. Personally, I never felt the depth of sorrow and grief like I did after losing my husband. My need for comfort and strength was stronger than ever before. Jesus was the only one who could truly provide for my deepest needs. Naomi wanted to see Ruth redeemed, but Ruth had to make the decision and take steps to humbly submit herself to the Redeemer of Boaz.

Jesus is the only one who can redeem us from sin and give us eternal life. He is the only one who can truly understand our sorrow and pain. He is also the only one who can change our lives. He provides a future of a better life because of all the resources He offers us along the way. It can all be found at the feet of Jesus. Once at Jesus feet, there is much to follow. In order to walk with Jesus, we have to follow in his footsteps. He sets out a path for us. As long as we keep our eyes on Him, our journey may still be tough but will lead to great rewards. Ruth was rewarded with a future during her time, as well as generations to come. How we follow Christ will also have a great impact on our children and future generations.

Today's education is becoming filled with instructions to follow anything but Christ. Satan is still deceiving people and is targeting our children at earlier and earlier ages. The best education comes directly from Christ who loves us more than anyone else could love us. It is up to us to make sure our children realize that we want what is best for them, which is that they can find all their answers in Jesus, their redeemer. True wisdom should be given from God and knowledge should be guided by God. It is at the feet of Jesus that we can receive healing, teachings, and direction to follow. It only requires us to

humbly present ourselves to Him. *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up."*
James 4:10.

May we each humbly submit ourselves to our Redeemer to seek a better life so we can find His plan for our lives.

Love and Prayers,
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