

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SIXTY-FIVE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Have you ever heard of the following song?

*A pilgrim was I, and a wandering,
In the cold night of sin I did roam,
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,
And now I am on my way home.*

Chorus:

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.*

*And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.*

Verse 2:

*He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,
He giveth me strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters,
He guards me each step of the way.*

Verse 3:

*When I walk through the dark lonesome valley,
My savior will walk with me there;
And safely His great hand will lead me
To the mansions He's gone to prepare.*

My sister and I recently spent some time together and for old time's sake we decided to sing this song because it was one that we often sang together in our teen years. I remember having mixed feelings when we sang it in our school auditorium because it seemed proud to sing 'surely goodness and mercy will follow me'. It seemed like I was bragging about goodness because of something I deserved. I had to really think about the fact that it had nothing to do with me. I prayed that it would be understood as it was intended. It was because of Jesus, my redeemer. Today that song would probably not be allowed but I praise God that we were able to share a song about our Savior at that time.

Ruth was a wandering pilgrim in a new land. She was surely weary and probably experiencing loneliness from losing her husband. But her redeemer changed everything. The rest of her days were very different. She became very blessed. Her days ahead were filled with mercy, goodness, and many rewards, including a son's bloodline through which our redeemer was born.

When we feel weary, lonely, and in need of someone holding our, we need to think of our redeemer, Jesus, taking us by His great hand and walking with us. He is waiting to lead us beside still waters. We will forever dwell with him where He has a feast and mansion prepared for us. Ruth had a great redeemer, but our Redeemer is far greater. He is ready and waiting for us to claim our blessings.

Sandy's verse was very appropriate for this lesson. Please review it and remind yourself of all you have been given for today and future days.

Love and Prayers,

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