

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON SIXTY-THREE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

We hope you truly do feel like loved ones. There is no question that God loves you more than any of us could do so, but we also hope that you know that our goal is to show you love as we share God's Word and our hearts with you.

We often mention that God always has a plan. One of His great plans is to show love to His children through the love that He has given us to share with each other.

Naomi and Ruth benefited from God's family plan at the time. They didn't have the opportunity to know God through His son, Jesus, like we do today. It was a great plan for their time, as well as for us to eventually because Ruth's redeemer became the pathway to God's ultimate plan of our redeemer, Jesus.

What an amazing plan. I am so grateful for that wonderful plan. We can truly love one another supernaturally because He first Loved us.

*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."—1 John 4:11.*

*"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." -1 John 4:16.*

As the children of God, we have the great privilege to love each other as family. Sadly, it doesn't always work as well as it should because we allow our own selfishness to get in the way. It is not natural to always love someone that we don't understand, but by God's supernatural love we can do it because He can love them through us. Have you ever struggled with frustrating feelings toward someone? It is easy to get upset and self-centered. We can think of so many reasons why they are wrong, and we are right. So how do we handle it? One of the most important tools God gives us is the opportunity to go to our redeemer, Jesus. So do we ask Jesus to show them how wrong they are? It is really important that we pray for them without a selfish heart. We must pray for them as family that we truly love. We humbly ask God to show us how to pray for them and love them like He loves them. Sometimes, God does change them. But it is more important that we humbly ask for direction and ask for His love to flow through us. Sometimes we even need to ask the other person to forgive us. Have you ever noticed that when you are sincerely praying for someone, it is hard to have a bad attitude toward them? It is all part of God's family plan to help us learn how to love one another as He loves us. This doesn't mean that we have to accept sin or wrong doings, but it does mean that we have to let go of anything that would hinder us from showing God's love. We especially have to make sure that we don't get in God's way by giving them an excuse to see us as anything other than God's love-filled child.

Having said that, I hope and pray that you know that our goal is to show each of you family love, His family love. It is an awesome plan that our Redeemer has given to each of us. Please reach out to us if we can pray for you or show His love in some other way. We care about you and want to be there for

you when you have a need. You are family to us. We appreciate the opportunity and privilege to share Gods love with you.

*Our love and prayers,*

*Sandy Yates*