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Lessons from the Forgotten Mom, Naomi

Ruth 1-4
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I. The Blessings and Burdens of Being a Mom (1:1-22)

A. Naomi _____ her husband and two boys (vv. 1-5)

B. Naomi _____ a loyal daughter-in-law (vv. 6-18)

C. Naomi _____ through the highs and lows of life
(vv. 19-22)

II. The Reputation and the Faithfulness of a Grateful Mom (2:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, 17-23)

A. The name of _____ is remembered (vv. 1-2, 5-6, 11-12)

B. The name of the _____ is praised (v. 20)

III. The Instruction and the Encouragement of a Godly Mom (3:1-5, 16-18)

A. The _____ of a good mom is invaluable (vv. 1-5)

B. The _____ of a hopeful mom is irreplaceable (vv. 16-18)

IV. The Reward and the Privilege of Being a Patient Mom (4:5-10, 13-17)

A. God has not left you without a _____ (vv. 5-10)

B. God has not left you without a _____ (vv. 13-17)

TAKE HOME

- Thank your _____ for the way she has loved you and sacrificed for you
- Thank your _____ for the way that she patiently and relentlessly serves your family
- Thank _____, moms, for giving you the privilege and the joy of motherhood

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Ruth 1:1-5. What is the hardest thing you have ever had to go through as a mother? How did you handle that trial? What brought you through?

2. Read Ruth 1:6-14. What do you think the difference was between Orpah and Ruth? What would you have done if you were Naomi? What would you have done if you were Ruth?

3. Read Ruth 1:15-18. What is so beautiful about this passage? Which part of this passage tells you that Ruth is a believer in Naomi’s God? Which part of this commitment did you appreciate the most? Why?

4. Read Ruth 1:19-22. Why does Naomi feel the way she does? How does Ex. 15:22-26 provide similarities and hope to Naomi’s situation?

5. Skim through Ruth 2. What do we learn about Naomi’s reputation? How about the reputation of Boaz and Ruth? Look at Ruth 2:20. What is so important about this verse?

6. Skim through Ruth 3. What do you think about the guidance that Naomi gave to Ruth? What kind of guidance should you be giving to your children? Look at Prov. 1:8, 6:20, 10:1, 15:20, 17:25, 23:22, 25. How do these verses encourage children to listen to their mothers?

7. Skim Ruth 4. What was Naomi’s reward? Who is Naomi’s kinsman redeemer? Look at Neh. 1:10; Psa. 19:14; 78:35; Isa. 44:6; 47:4; Job 19:25; and Eph. 1:7 for extra encouragement.

8. How can you do a better job appreciating your mom? What are some areas you want to grow in as a mom? How can you as a dad help make sure that mom is honored in your home?

*“The impression that a praying mother leaves upon her children is life-long.
Perhaps when you are dead and gone your prayer will be answered.”*

- D.L. Moody