

It Takes Two | Ruth and Naomi: Family Dynamics

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A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Proverbs 31:10 NIV

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” Ruth 1:16-17 NIV

Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.” Ruth 2:11-12 NIV

“I will do whatever you say,” Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. Ruth 3:5-6 NIV

“The Lord bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. Ruth 3:10-11 NIV

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalms 136:1 NIV

- Loyalty ✓ : Making others a priority ✓
- Compassion ✓ : Helping others with action ✓
- Respect ✓ : Honouring others to help us connect ✓

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In your own family, how have you witnessed the kindness that we see in Ruth and Naomi's relationship?
2. How can you appreciate the "hesed" that God has for us? Where have you seen this happen in your own life?