

Dedicated Mother

The Book of Ruth

A. Dedicated to her Extended Family. 1:1-14

1. Disruptive forces for Naomi. 1:1-5
2. Returning choices. 1:6-14
 - a. Ruth – more dedicated to her dead husband’s mother than to her biological mother.
 - b. A dedicated mother makes a deliberate effort to become the daughter of her husband’s mother.
 - c. A dedicated mother works hard at fitting into her husband’s family.
 - d. Make every effort to cultivate an open and warm relationship with your son’s wife!

B. Dedicated to the God of Israel. 1:15-17

1. Naomi lectured. 1:15
2. Ruth chose. 1:16-17
3. Are you dedicated to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

C. Dedicated to Hard Work. 2:1-23

1. She took initiative. 2:1
2. She was diligent. 2:2
3. She was polite. 2:7
4. She was humbly appreciative. 2:10
5. She was humbly grateful. 2:13
6. She was persistent. 2:17
7. She was unrelenting. 2:23

D. Dedicated to Cooperation. 3:1-18

1. Naomi’s request. 3:1-4
2. Ruth’s willingness. 3:5
3. Ruth’s compliance. 3:6-8
4. Boaz’ question. 3:9a
5. Ruth’s request. 3:9b
6. Boaz’ instruction. 3:10-13

7. Ruth’s collaboration. 3:14-17

8. Ruth’s contentment. 3:18

E. Dedicated to the Sovereignty of God in the Present. 4:1-15

1. Boaz offered the right of redemption of Elimelech’s land to a nearer relative. 4:1-4
2. Boaz reminded the relative of his obligation to marry Ruth. 4:5
3. The relative refused. 4:6
4. The legal contract. 4:7-12
5. Boaz married Ruth. 4:13a
6. The LORD enabled Ruth to conceive. 4:13b
7. The women blessed Naomi. 4:14-15

F. Dedicated to Sharing. 4:16-17

1. Naomi cared for the baby. 4:16
2. The women attributed a son to Naomi. 4:17a
3. Helpful Hints:
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 - b. Both sets of grandparents have a vested interest in your children.
 - c. Your children are really God’s children.
 - d. Hold your children with an open hand.

G. Dedicated to the Sovereignty of God in the Future. Ruth 4:17b-23; Matthew 1:1-16

1. Obed was the grandfather of David. 4:17b-23
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