

# The Value & Importance of Mothers

Mother's Day 2024

## Naomi: A Godly Mother

- **A Covenant Heart**
  - The Book of Ruth - *She was a mother to someone that wasn't even her blood*
- **Proactive- She didn't sit idle; but produced for her family**
  - **Rut 1:6-7 (NASB)** Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had visited His people in giving them food. **7** So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
- **Unselfish**
  - **Rut 1:8-9 (NASB)** And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** "May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.
- **Doesn't Overuse Authority**
  - **Rut 1:18 (NASB)** When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.
- **A Confirming Voice**
  - **Rut 2:22 (NASB)** Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that *others* do not fall upon you in another field."
- **Facilitates Provision**
  - **Rut 3:1 (NASB)** Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"
- **Wise & Sharing Wisdom**
  - **Rut 3:2-4 (NASB)** "Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barely at the threshing floor tonight. **3** "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your *best* clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** "It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."
- **Receives Redemption**
  - **Rut 4:13-15 (NASB)** So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. **14** Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. **15** "May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."
- **Fulfills Her Destiny**
  - **Rut 4:16-17 (NASB)** Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse. **17** The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.