

A Mother's Faith Worth Following

Ruth 1:16–17

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INTRODUCTION

Before we can appreciate Naomi's faith, we must understand the spiritual _____ surrounding her.

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Introduction: The Dark History of Moab

- Moab's Sinful _____ (Genesis 19:36–37)
- Moab's Seductive _____ (Numbers 25:1–2)
- Moab's _____ to God's People (Numbers 22:5–6)
- Moab's False _____ (Numbers 21:29)

Yet in the middle of this darkness, Naomi maintained a _____ that would eventually draw Ruth to Jehovah.

I. Naomi's _____ Through Difficulty (Ruth 1:3–5)

(Faith That Endured _____)

A. A _____ (v. 1)

B. A _____ (v. 1)

C. A _____ (vv. 3–5)

Naomi lost her homeland, her husband, her heritage. Yet Naomi's faith _____!

Growth Point: A genuine faith is not proven by comfort but by _____.

Habakkuk 2:4 ...but the just shall live by his _____.

II. Naomi's _____ Through Darkness

(Faith That Endured _____)

A. She Retained a Godly _____ (v. 20)

Ruth 1:20

Naomi = “_____”; Mara = “_____.” Though broken, she was still believing.

B. She Remembered God's _____ (v. 6)

Naomi still knew where _____ came from.

C. She Revealed _____ Faith

People can argue with theology, but they struggle to deny a _____.

Growth Point: Children and converts watch how believers respond in _____ more than in success.

III. Naomi's _____ Through Demonstration

(Faith That was an _____ to her Children)

A. Ruth Saw a Different _____

Moab's gods demanded bondage. Jehovah offered _____.

Ruth 1:16 ...*thy people shall be my people, and thy God* _____:

B. Ruth Saw a Different _____ (v. 16)

C. Ruth Saw a Different _____

Growth Point: Real faith makes others _____ for God.

Matthew 4:16

IV. Naomi's _____ Fulfilled in Redemption

(Faith That Eventually _____)

A. Ruth Found a _____

Ephesians 1:7

B. Naomi Found _____ (Ruth 4:14–15)

God turned bitterness into _____.

C. The World Received _____ (Ruth 4:22)

Conclusion: Faith can survive _____. Faith can endure compromise. Faith can influence outsiders.
Faith can lead others to redemption.

TAKE IT HOME

Who is _____ your faith? Could someone say, "*Thy God shall be my God*"?

MY NOTES