

Connection

When is a time in your life you wish you listened to your mother?

Content

“Our truest self is revealed in our closest relationships.”

How does this statement apply to your relationship with God?

Motherhood can take many forms

Ruth 1:1-7 speaks to the challenges that Naomi faces being a recent widow and losing her children.

1. How can you relate to some of these challenges faced by Naomi? How did your challenges make you feel towards God?
2. Naomi wasn't only Ruth's mother-in-law but also her Spiritual Mother, as she helped guide Ruth to faith, even when Naomi's was being challenged.

Which verses from Ruth describe how Naomi was a Spiritual Mother to Ruth?

God is always at work

Ruth & Naomi's story is one of God always at work. Psalm 121:4 says: "Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep".

3. Even in our darkest moments, how can you help yourself remember God is always at work?

God shapes us during difficult times

Through Ruth's hard work, combined with Boaz's generosity, Naomi began to see that God was always faithful to her even when she became bitter. (Ruth 1:20-21).

4. Reflecting on your life, when have you found yourself to have grown because of your trials?

God is always working, even if we cannot understand it, for *The Genealogy of Jesus* (Matthew 1:1-17) tells us King David is the great grandson of Ruth, and in turn shows Jesus Christ is their direct descendent.

5. From Ruth trials, the line of King David and Jesus Christ was born. How can we take Joy in understanding God may use our trials faced today, to shape others things we may not even see or understand?

Commitment

6. Who has God placed in your life that has been a Spiritual Mother to you? Who can you be a Spiritual Parent to?



Begin with prayer. **L**isten with care. **E**at / Engage with another. **S**erve. **S**hare your story.

This week, **Listen with care** for a person in your life who needs to hear of Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?