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REMIX OF NAOMI & RUTH

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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There is a civil war in the body of Christ - the old vs. new. The younger generation feels like the older generation doesn't respect them. The older generation feels like the younger doesn't honor them. The older and younger generation have to learn to work together. Let's look at an example from the Bible.

In the book of Ruth we are introduced to Naomi. Naomi's name means pleasant, but her life was unpleasant. Her husband moved the family to Moab due to a famine and later died. Her two sons married Moabite women and ten years later her sons died leaving Naomi with two daughter-in-laws to take care of. Naomi received word things had changed in her homeland and decided to return feeling bitter, afflicted and misfortuned.

CONFLICT

Ruth 1:20-22 NIV - "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

- Be careful that we don't blame God for choices and decisions we made that are not in His plan for us.
- Pain has a way of trying to change your confession. Don't allow it to rename you.
- Be mature enough to admit where you are and have somebody around you to get you out of a dark space.
- If you don't address your issues, you can become mean and bitter. But also know God can flip it.

Have you ever felt misplaced, empty or bitter? How long are you willing to live in this state? How do you navigate through these seasons?

RUTH'S REMIX

CLEAVE

Ruth 1:14 KJV - And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave unto her.

- Whenever God wants to change your life, He will send you a person.
- Stop paying attention to those who left you and focus on those that cleave to you.
- There are some people assigned to meet you in your pit.
 - This is a covenant not a conditional relationship.

CLEAVE - to glue, to adhere, to join, to stick, to follow

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Ruth 1:16-17 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."

- You have to be careful not to throw away your life for experiencing a few bad months.
- God is about to put people in your life that are going to change your whole situation.
- Remember, your favor is not just for you, but for everyone that is connected to you. Someone will benefit from your overflow.

Who has God assigned to you in your pit? Have you welcomed or pushed them away? Why?

CONTRIBUTE

Ruth 2:18 NIV - She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough.

- The bag of wheat is said to have weighed over 30 pounds.
 - God gives supernatural strength to carry some things others cannot.
- Who sees you determines who promotes you and you don't have to fight to be seen.
- When you stick with the right people, some stuff others have to work for will be yours to just pick up.
- God allowed Ruth to pour into Naomi who was left without her two sons and a husband.
- When you bless someone, you pull them out of a dark space. It is time for you to pour into others.

What has God called you to pour into others? What sacrifices have you made to fulfill the pour?

CARRY OUT

Ruth 3:3-5 NIV - Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." "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.

- You must remain obedient and learn to carry out the advice from your mentors.
- Also, learn to be quiet when God is getting you ready for your next season.
- Wash. You don't know the odor you are carrying from your past.
- Spray on perfume and get dressed for your future.

Have you listened to and carried out the advice of the person cleaved to you? How has taking that advice impacted you?

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*Ruth 4:13-17 NIV - So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women **said to Naomi:** "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! **He will renew your life and sustain you** in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." **Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.** The women living there said, "**Naomi has a son!**" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

- The birth wasn't about Ruth, but Naomi.
 - Ruth (next generation) contributed and carried out what Naomi (seasoned generation) said and birthed what would sustain them.
- At your lowest point, God will give you what you need.
- If you give it time, you will never look like what you've been through.

What has God allowed you to birth for someone else?

PRAYER

Lord, You have given me supernatural strength, favor, peace and power to fulfill every assignment that you have set before me. I acknowledge that it is time for me to cleave to the one You have sent, contribute to the divine connection and to carry out Your will. I will no longer hide in the background, but I will continue to move forward. In Jesus' name. Amen!