



Mothers: Examples of Faith Naomi (Ruth)

Mother's Day Message 2024

Lessons from the Lives of Exemplary Mothers (2001-2011):

Jochebed: A Mother's Courage (Exodus 2:1-10)

**Hannah: A Mother's Strength and Faithful Resolve
(1 Samuel 1:1-28)**

**The Widow of Zarephath: A Mother's Hope
(1 Kings 17:8-24)**

**The Mother of King Lemuel: A Mother's Wisdom
(Proverbs 31:1-31)**

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**The Prophet's Widow: A Mother's Protection
(2 Kings 4:1-7)**

**The Shunammite Woman: The Gift of Motherhood
(2 Kings 4:8-37)**

**The Syrophenician Woman: A Mother's
Humbleness (Mark 7:24-30)**

**The Widow of Nain: A Mother's Helplessness
(Luke 7:11-17)**

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A Definition of Faith

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- **The Importance of Faith**

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

A Definition of Faith

- **The Importance of Faith**
- **The Meaning**

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Genesis 15:5

And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

A Definition of Faith

- **The Importance of Faith**
- **The Meaning**
- **The Scope of Faith**

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

A Definition of Faith

- **The Importance of Faith**
- **The Meaning**
- **The Scope of Faith**
- **The Struggle of Faith**

Genesis 17:17-19

17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee!" 19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**

Ruth 1:6

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.

Ruth 1:14

And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**

Ruth 1:16-17

**16 But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.
17 “Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me.”**

Ruth 1:20

And she said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
 - **Mara bitter**
 - **Naomi pleasure**

Ruth 1:21

“I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?”

Job 27:2

**“As God lives, who has taken away my right, And
the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,**

Ruth 1:22

So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
- **Faith Enlivened (2:1-22)**

Ruth 2:19

Her mother-in-law then said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

Ruth 2:20

And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.” Again Naomi said to her, “The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives.”

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
- **Faith Enlivened (2:1-22)**
 - **kindness hesed; lovingkindness, covenant loyalty**

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- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
- **Faith Enlivened (2:1-22)**
 - **Law of the Kinsmen Redeemer (Lev. 25:23-28)**
 - **Levirate Marriage (Deut. 25:5-10)**

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
- **Faith Enlivened (2:1-22)**
- **Faith Consummated (3:1-18)**

Ruth 3:1

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?”

Ruth 3:18

Then she said, “Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today.”

- **Faith Tested (1:1-14)**
- **Faith Shaken (1:15-22)**
- **Faith Enlivened (2:1-22)**
- **Faith Consummated (3:1-18)**
- **Faith Fruitfulness (4:1-22)**

Ruth 4:13-15

13 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."