

Introduction: Naomi was in reality a godly wife and mother...

I. The Setting of Naomi's Faith...

A. The Time of the judges... Judges 21:25

B. There was a famine in Bethlehem... "The house of bread..."

1. The people lived as they desired...
2. God controls all things...
3. God was chastening His people... *Leviticus 26:14-20; Deuteronomy 28:15ff*

C. Naomi was in distress...

D. The sinful plan...

Observations:

II. The Evidence of Naomi's Faith...

A. She was submissive to her husband... vs. 1-2

1. Elimelech was a believer...
2. He made a sinful tragic decision...
3. It was wrong because...
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

B. She experienced genuine sorrow and grief...

1. She understood it was of God... vs. 13
2. God's hand is seen in what happens to His people... *Psalms 31:5*

Lesson: 1. Consider the heartache of Naomi...

2. God is never taken back...He brings good out of Elimelech's disobedience...but it is not good for...

C. She was Kind and Prayed... vs. 9-13

1. Note the content of her prayer...
2. It was an evangelistic prayer...

Observation:

D. She bore witness by her life... vs. 14-17

1. Ruth's confession...
2. God answered Naomi's prayer...
3. There was something about Naomi's life...

Application: