

## “Growing Godly Families”

### Week 3: “The Ties that Bind”

Faith Bible Church

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#### Ruth 1:1-18 (New American Standard)

**1** Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. **2** And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there. **3** Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. **4** And they took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. **5** Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband. **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. **7** So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **8** And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. **10** And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people." **11** But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? **12** "Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons, **13** would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you, for the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me." **14** And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

**15** Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **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." **18** When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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#### WHETHER IN THE HOME OR THE IN CHURCH, THERE ARE CERTAIN QUALITIES WHICH BIND “FAMILIES” TOGETHER:

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ which transcends \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which do not \_\_\_\_\_.

III. A shared \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.