

CREATING A LEGACY

Ruth 1:1-18, p. 411

Elimelech & Naomi (husband and wife)

<u>Two sons</u>	<u>Two daughter-in-laws</u>
Mahlon	Orpah
Kilion	Ruth

How did Naomi impact other people?

1. She knew how to handle _____.

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. (3-5)

Grief is the emotional suffering we feel after a loss of some kind. There are five stages in grief. If we get stuck in one stage or the other, the process of grieving is not complete. A person **MUST** go through the five stages to be well again to heal.

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1-Denial – denial and withdrawal from social contacts

2-Anger - "why me?"

3-Bargaining – “if I do this, will you take away the loss?”

4-Depression- numbness; feelings of hopelessness

5-Acceptance- anger, sadness and mourning taper off; the person accepts the reality of the loss

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Isaiah 30:20

2. She had a _____ spirit.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters... (8-11)

At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her. (15)

3. She _____ God in her life.

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 every so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. (16-18)

Conclusion