

Commitment: The Mortar that Binds Us

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Ruth 1:1-18

What Commitment in a Family Looks Like:

Ruth 1:3-5 ³Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ^{4a}They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

1. Committed people persevere during tough times.

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?"

2. Committed people take risks.

¹⁴At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her.

3. Committed people make promises.

^{16b}"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ^{17a}Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried."

4. Committed people limit their options.

¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

5. Committed people bring stability to their families.