



*Being A Great Mother –
Lessons From A Mother-In-Law*
Mother's Day, May 12, 2024
Ruth 1 - 4
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Theme: **Great mothers are first right with God and themselves.**

Begin with a solid faith in God.

1. Demonstrated in acknowledging God's sovereignty in the tough times. (1:1-22)
2. Demonstrated in praising God's grace in the good times. (4:13-17)

Add an honest view of yourself.

1. Able to express your feelings honestly. (1:19-21)
2. Able to set pride aside to do what is required. (2:1- 3)

Move to a committed love for your family.

1. Care for them sacrificially. (1:6-13)
2. Recognize and commend the positive. (1:8)
3. Desire and pray for God's blessings on them. (1:8-9)
4. Advise them, but accept their choices. (1:16-18)
5. Protect them and plan for their future. (1:9-14, 3:1-5)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The day *after* Mother's Day. Children, husbands, Moms — don't stop expressing your love and appreciation. Keep current. Record and save special moments, precious thoughts.

Tuesday. The starting place for being a truly great Mother (person) is having a solid faith in God. Naomi demonstrated a number of qualities of this kind of faith. Describe the state of your faith in God? Is it really solid?

Wednesday. It is often difficult but always important to have an honest view of yourself. Review the glimpses into Naomi's doing this case (see inside). Do you tend to excuse your weaknesses? exaggerate your strengths? stuff your feelings? hide your needs or feelings because of what others may think?

Thursday. Review Naomi's committed love for her family (see inside). Does your love for your family look like this? Ask God to help you appreciate His committed love to you more fully and express your love to your family more like His for you.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we will begin a new Series on the *One Another* statements in the New Testament with *We are members of one another*. Read through Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and Ephesians 4:1-16 in preparation for our time together.