WALK IN THE WORD WEDNESDAY

NOONDAY BIBLE STUDY LESSON OUTLINE

Lesson #04 Prosperity – Favorable / Prosperous

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Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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Lesson #04 Purpose - Perspective – Prayer – Pride – Prosperity

Scripture: Ruth 1:1 – 22

Emphasis: Ruth 1:1

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"Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah."

Subject: "It was Time to go back home to the Promise Land"

Background: Ruth Chapter 1, in the time of Judges, there was a severe famine that caused a shift in Prosperity for Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and his two sons. Elimelech, like countless others in times of severe famine, left the Land of Judah the Promise Land to escape the harsh effects of drought and possibly starvation. Naomi experienced the death of a husband and then later the death of both of her sons. Despite your Hardship, God is Faithful.

Introduction: In this 4th Lesson of Prosperity, we will start our study in Ruth Chapter 1. There are Three Major Topics: 1). Going back Home may be your best Option 2). You may never find out who will Stick with you until your back is up against the Wall 3). Loyalty and Commitment are at the beginning of your Prosperity

Lesson Topic #1 Ruth 1:1 – 7

"Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. [2] And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. [3] And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. [4] And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. [5] And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband. [6] Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. [7] Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah."

- Famine Came and now Hardship has Arrived
  - Fact #1 The Famine was not a Respecter of Person
    - Scripture says that there was a famine in the land
    - There were others in the land that experienced famine
    - Scripture does not elaborate on the cause of the famine
  - Fact #2 You may have to Move in order to Survive
    - God gives us the Gift of Wisdom – try using it during a famine
    - The opposite of a severe drought is a severe flood; would you try to get to higher ground in order to survive?
    - Your Spiritual Life may depend on your Ability to Move to another situation in order for you to Survive
    - If you Leave Right, you can always Go Back Home
  - Fact #3 Tragedy and Hardship sometimes affect Good People
    - There is nothing in Scripture that indicates that Naomi was being punished for sins or bad behavior
    - There is nothing in Scripture that indicates that Elimelech was a dishonorable husband or terrible citizen
    - There is nothing in Scripture that indicates that Mahlon or Chilion were dishonorable husbands, sons or terrible citizens

Lesson Topic #2 Ruth 1:8 – 14

"And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. [9] The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. [10] And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. [11] And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? [12] Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; [13] Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me. [14] And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her."

- Naomi's Harsh Reality of their Situation
    - Realities #1 Naomi's Husband is Dead
        - Naomi is a Widow in a Foreign Land with no Source of Help
        - Naomi's dream of growing old with her husband ended
        - Naomi's dream of enjoying Grandchildren came to an end
    - Realities #2 Naomi's Sons are Dead
        - Naomi's eldest Mahlon died, he could not provide for her
        - Naomi's youngest Chilion died, he could not provide for her
    - Realities #3 Naomi had no Future for Orpah or Ruth
        - Naomi's choice to go back to Bethlehem was for Survival
        - Naomi had no one available to take care of Orpah or Ruth
        - Naomi had no hope of getting married again nor having a child
        - Orpah and Ruth were both young enough to start new Lives
        - Naomi did not hold Orpah and Ruth back nor be a burden

Lesson Topic #3 Joshua 1:15 – 22

"And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. [16] And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: [17] Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee

and me. [18] When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. [19] So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi? [20] And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. [21] I went out full and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? [22] So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest."

- Ruth Finds Her Prosperity by Choosing Naomi's People and her God
    - Truths #1 Orpah may have Left but I am still here
        - Orpah made the Right decision for Orpah and Left Naomi
        - Ruth dug her heals in and went for a Faith Walk in Loyalty
        - Ruth declared that wherever Naomi goes Ruth goes
        - Ruth declared whoever your People are they will be my People
    - Truths #2 Ruth Chooses Naomi's God
        - There must have been something about Naomi's God
        - If the Lord is Naomi's God, He would be the Lord for Ruth
        - Naomi must have given a Great Testimony about her Lord
    - Truths #3 Naomi's going Home in Bitterness will change to Better
        - According to Scripture, it appears that Naomi developed a Bitter Spirit about her situation
        - It is true that Naomi experienced a lot of Tragedy in her life, but God has been good to her despite her current state
        - The Lord is the only one that can change your Bitterness into your Betterness and bring you into Prosperity

"I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

Conclusion: My Loyalty to you will bring me to your God and Prosperity

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God's **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

Acknowledgements

NOONDAY BIBLE STUDY VOCABULARY WORDS

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#	Vocabulary	Definition	References
1	Perspective		
2	Purpose		
3	Prayer		
4	**Prosperity**		
5	Pride		
6	Sojourn		
7	Dwell		
8	Tarry		
9	Lodge		
10	Testified		
11	Afflicted		
12	Harvest		
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