

# Mothers Day 2019

May 12, 2019 – Rev. Rick Lyon

## Intro –

**Grimaldos Robin:** *"A mother is a woman who shows you the light when you just see the dark."*

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## 1. Ruth's Decision

Read v.1-2a

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- **Elimelech ran from his challenges.**

**Famous gymnast Nadia Comaneci:** *"I don't run away from a challenge... Instead, I run towards it because the only way to escape fear is to trample it beneath your foot."*

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- **Naomi became embittered by her challenges.**

Read v.20-21

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- **Ruth embraced her challenges.**

Read v.6-17

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## **2. Ruth's Devotion**

**Leviticus 23:22** - "When you harvest the crops of your land, don't harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and don't pick up what the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you."

**Ruth 1:21** - "I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty... The Almighty has afflicted me."

**Ruth 4:15** - "Your daughter-in-law, who loves you, is *better than seven sons.*"

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## **3. Ruth's Redemption**

Four requirements of a Kinsman-Redeemer.

- 1. The Kinsman-Redeemer had to be related to the redeemed.**
  - 2. The Kinsman-Redeemer had to be capable of redeeming.**
  - 3. The Kinsman-Redeemer had to be willing to redeem.**
  - 4. The Kinsman-Redeemer had to pay the full price.**
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**Eph 2:3** - We all... were by nature children of wrath, just like the rest of mankind.

- 1. Jesus became related to you by becoming a man.**

**Galatians 4:4-5** - When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- 2. Only Jesus is capable of redeeming you.**

**1 Peter 1:18-19** - It wasn't with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot.

- 3. Jesus is willing to redeem you and anyone who comes to Him.**

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**Jesus said: John 10:18** - "No one takes My life from me. I lay it down *voluntarily*."

## **4. Jesus *paid the price in full*.**

## **4. Ruth's Reward**

**Ps. 127** - Children are a gift from the Lord... Like arrows in the hands of a warrior.

**Warren Wiersbe**: *Little did those Bethlehemites know that God had great plans for that little boy! Obed would have a son named Jesse; and Jesse would have eight sons, the youngest of which would be David the king. Remember that the next time you see a baby or a child. God might have a great future planned for that little one. The medieval teacher who always tipped his hat to his pupils had the right idea, for among them perhaps was a future general or emperor.*