

*“Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you;
for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge.
Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.” ~
Ruth 1:16*



Mother’s Day Messages Are Tricky

- Multiple categories of ‘motherhood’
- The category of ‘in-law’

The Book of Ruth

- An ominous introduction
- A little family who became refugees because of famine

Tragedy in Naomi’s Life:

- Husband dies
- Sons die
- Her decision to return to her homeland

The Decision of Her Daughters-in-law

Ruth’s Devotion a Reflection of Naomi’s Character and Faith

- Relationship with a personal, not generic God

Naomi Isn’t a Perfect Mother-in-law

- It’s not all good; it’s not all bad; it’s always a mixture

Imperfect Faith and Motherhood in an Imperfect World