



## Lesson 10: Lord, Send Me Some Bread

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### Ruth 1:1-6, 19-22 New International Version

**1** In the days when the judges ruled, **there was a famine in the land.** So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, **went to live for a while** in the country of Moab. **2** The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. **3** Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** They married Moabite women, one

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named Orpah and the other Ruth. **After they had lived there about ten years,** **5** both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. **6** When **Naomi heard** in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.

**19** So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?" **20** "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. **21 I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty.** Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." **22** So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

### REASON WHY THE FAMILY LEFT THE HOUSE (Verse 1)

Bethlehem means "The House of \_\_\_\_\_"

#### THE HOUSE WITHOUT BREAD

REASON(S) FOR THE FAMINE: (lack, scarcity, shortage) \_\_\_\_\_

How is it that "the house of bread" has a shortage on bread? How can the "house" be without the bread of life? How important is it that bread is being served? What's the result of a life without bread? \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Thessalonians 3:10 KJV "... if any would not work, neither should he eat."*

#### THE FAMILY INVESTED IN THE LAND

*Ruth 4:3 [land owners]      Leviticus 25:25 KJV "If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold."*

#### TEN YEARS IN MOAB

### SYMPTOMS OF MALNUTRITION: (3 Stages of Starvation)

What happens when there is a lack of eating a properly balanced, nutritious meal?

- A. Changes in behavior & mental status (irritable, fatigue, trouble concentrating)
- B. Physical signs (weakness, fast heart rate, shallow breaths, thirst, muscle loss)
- C. Weakened immune system (slow to heal)

### Bread Is Available    Bread Impacts the House    Bread Affects Worship

### REASON WHY NAOMI & RUTH RETURN TO THE HOUSE (Verse 6)

Naomi hears that God is \_\_\_\_\_

Naomi gives her \_\_\_\_\_ attention to the Word she heard.

On a scale 1 to 5, how important it is to hear from God? \_\_\_\_\_

*Bread Sustains the People of God*

*Bread is Important to God's Children*



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### BREAD SUPPLY IN OPERATION

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **JOHN 6:33-35 KJV** "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world... Jesus declares, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger."

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **MATTHEW 4:4 KJV** "...It is written, man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **EXODUS 16:31 KJV** "And the house of Israel call the name thereof **Manna**: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **EXODUS 34:18 KJV** "The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep"

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ (slang, urban, modern vernacular)

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **MATTHEW 15:21-28**

*It's the Children's Bread*

**BREAD** means \_\_\_\_\_ **SWEET COMMUNION** **MATTHEW 26:26** "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body."

### Every Loaf Comes From God!

**GENESIS 3:19 KJV** (Adam), "...By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; ....."

IF YOU EAT THIS BREAD, YOU SHALL LIVE AND NOT DIE

A LIFE WITHOUT BREAD IS NOT LIFE AT ALL

**HEAR THE WORD** (Verse 6)...

What do you sense God is telling you?

### Just in time for a new season!

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**HOME SWEET HOME** (Verse 22)...

- ❖ How has the last decade affected the nourishment of your soul?
- ❖ Are you satisfied/dissatisfied with your labors? ...what your life has produced/not produced?
- ❖ Do you need grace to finish your season?
- ❖ Are you ready to feed on the Word of God?

### LETTER TO THE CHURCH

*Declaration:* The church is designed to feed the Body.

When I return, as a son or daughter, the house will have everything I need through Christ Jesus. The Lord has prepared the house to be sensitive to my needs as a Believer. The house established by God is waiting for my return. God has saved my best for last.

## Prayer