

Ruth: Ruth's Marital Joy

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Do I know enough _____? Am I _____ I have a _____, who constantly displays his _____ to me?

¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹² Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

¹⁷ The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸ This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ²¹ Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed, ²² Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David. **Ruth 4:11-22, NIV**

Is there a joy that _____, despite _____ in our lives?

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." **Ruth 1:20-21, NIV**

Joy that depends on _____ won't endure. (The same things happen to Christians that happen to everyone.)

²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. **1 John 5:21, NIV**

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— ³⁴ and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵ I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35, NIV

Joy that leans on _____ won't endure. (_____ things that become _____ things ultimately disappoint.)

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:11-13, NIV**

²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." **Luke 10:20, NIV**

Enduring joy comes from knowing I have a _____ - _____ (goel), who loves nothing more than to display his _____ - _____ (chesed) to me.

MEMORY VERSE

Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. **Ruth 4:14, NIV**

Bottom line: God has not left me without a Guardian-Redeemer. This enduring truth is my enduring joy.

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