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Bible Study

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“Keeping In-Laws from Becoming Outlaws”

Ruth 1:15-22

Luke 4:38 reads, “*Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.*” (NIV) This verse records an encounter Jesus had with the mother of Peter’s wife. Throughout the Bible there are portraits of the Master being deeply involved in the family affairs of others. One aspect of family life that many individuals have to overcome is maintaining a positive relationship with their in-laws. This lesson is designed to share what can keep in-laws from becoming outlaws.

Breakdown of Ruth Chapter 1

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| 1. The Family Plight _____ | Verses 1-5 |
| 2. The Family Fight _____ | Verses 6-18 |
| 3. The Family Flight _____ | Verses 19-22 |

1. **Communion** _____ with family members can keep in-laws from becoming outlaws.
Verses 8-10
“Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. 9) May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud. 10) and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” (NIV)

2. **Commitment** _____ from family members can keep in-laws from becoming outlaws.
Verses 16, 17
“But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17) Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” (NIV)

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