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Bible Study

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“Keeping Your In-laws from Becoming Your Outlaws”

Ruth 1:12-21

Luke 12:52-53 reads, “From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against or two in favor and three against. Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (NLT) These verses record words spoken by Jesus to his disciples and crowds of people. Thousands of years later, the words of the Savior are still true regarding division among relatives. In-law relationships is one area where there is much stress and strife between family members. This lesson is designed to share tips to keep in-laws from becoming out laws.

Breakdown of Ruth Chapter 1

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| 1. The Deaths _____ | around Naomi | Verses 1-6 |
| 2. The Departure _____ | by Naomi | Verses 7-13 |
| 3. The Devotion _____ | to Naomi | Verses 14-22 |

1. **Communication** _____ can keep in-laws from becoming your outlaws.
Verses 8-13

“But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back to your mothers’ homes. And may the Lord reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. 9) May the Lord bless you with the security of another marriage.” Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. 10) “No,” they said. “We want to go with you to your people.” 11) But Naomi replied, “Why should you go on with me? Can I still give birth to other sons who could grow up to be your husbands? 12) No, my daughters, return to your parents’ homes, for I am too old to marry again. And even if it were possible, and I were to get married tonight and bear sons, then what? 13) Would you wait for them to grow up and refuse to marry someone else? No, of course not, my daughters! Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord himself has raised his fist against me.”

(NLT)

2. **Commitment** _____ can keep in-laws from becoming your outlaws.
Verse 14

“And again, they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi.”

(NLT)

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