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Center Point Baptist Church
“A Mother That God Honored”
Ruth 4:13-17
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Today we are going to talk about a mother who had a hard life and why God gave a great honor to her.

- I. Why Elimelech, Naomi and sons went to Moab
- II. Death of Emelech. Mahlon and Chilion
Three widows left ----- The plight they all faced
- III. Naomi and daughter-in-laws Orpah and Ruth begin the journey back to Bethlehem
- IV. Ruth will not leave Naomi and return to her people
 1. Affirms her love for and commitment to Naomi
 2. Ruth makes a strong statement of her belief in God rejecting the gods of her people
- V. Ruth's efforts to support herself and the aging Naomi
 1. She reaped in the fields of Boaz
 2. Boaz shows special kindness to her
 3. He praises her for what she has done for Naomi since the death of her husband
 4. He even prays that the God Israel will reward her for her commitment to Him and her family
- VI. Naomi's response when she get home
 1. Rejoicing over the days work
 2. Advice to Ruth about her future
- VII. Boaz's response to the proposal
 3. Pleased that a woman of Ruth's virtue would want to marry him
 4. Had to settle it with a man who was even closer of kin than he
- VIII. Boaz took Ruth as his wife
 1. She conceived and they had a son
 2. The women of Bethlehem rejoiced with Ruth and Naomi
 3. They to praised Ruth for all she had done
 4. They even named the son Obed
 5. Yes the father of Jesse and grandfather of David whose lineage brought the savior Jesus Christ in to the world
- IX. You want your life to really count
 1. First make a commitment of your life to God
 2. Be loyal
 - a. To God
 - b. Be loyal to others
 3. Serve God in the good times and the bad times
 4. It will surprise you how God will bless your life