

AN ESSENTIAL ROLE

Point 1

Honor motherhood .

A Story about women

(Ruth 1:8-9 NIV) Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud

Need to pass it on

(Titus 2:3-5 NIV) Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Point 2

Be committed to raising your children

Commitment!

(Ruth 1:16-17 NIV) 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. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Always a mother

*(Prov 10:1 NIV) The proverbs of Solomon:
A wise son brings joy to his father, but a
foolish son grief to his mother.*

Point 3

Value children .

Returned Empty?

(Ruth 1:20-21 NIV) "Don't call me Naomi, " she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. 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."

Better than seven sons

(Ruth 4:15 NIV) "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."

Children are a reward

(Psa 127:3 NIV) Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

Point 4

Introduce your children to Jesus .

Ruth was a Moabite

(Ruth 1:22 NIV) So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

A narrow gate

(Mat 7:13-14 NIV) "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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To raise up Godly Offspring

(Mal 2:15 NIV) Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

CONCLUSION