

## A FAITH NOW AND FOREVER

Ruth 4:13 (NIV) *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.*

Ruth 4:14 (NIV) *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! <sup>15</sup> 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."*

<sup>16</sup> *Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. <sup>17</sup> The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

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

### HOW does God develop that *faith now that impacts future generations?*

#### 1). Pain.

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

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#### 2). Failures

Jeremiah 31:13 (NIV) *I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.*

#### 3). Humility