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Seasons Of Friendship: Naomi And Ruth As A Pattern



Synopsis

Traces the cycles of Naomi and Ruth for clues about women's needs for varying friendships in different seasons of life. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Why is it that you can be close friends with someone, and then inexplicably, something happens and that friendship just dies out? How could two people be so important to each other, and then... they just don't seem to make time for each other anymore? What happened? How do you fix it? Should you fix it? Seasons of Friendship is a study of the Book of Ruth, of the relationship between Naomi, an aged widow, and Ruth, her young daughter-in-law, also a widow. The author takes us through their relationship, using the metaphor of the changing seasons to describe the changes in their lives and relationship. The author also uses examples from her own life, and encourages the reader to examine his/her own life, to discover the changing seasons and the cycle of life. As the stories unfold, an understanding of the nature of friendship evolves, so that the reader begins to understand which friends have helped most at different times, and how better to be a friend to others at different stages of their lives. Best of all, by understanding our own lives and the nature of friendship, the book encourages us to develop our friendship with our Creator, who invented the concept in the first place. I have used this book in small groups, where it has been wildly successful. Women have commented on how healing it is to understand the friendships they have had, especially the ones that just seemed to stop for no reason. It gave them a new appreciation for their

friends, old and new, and motivation to understand where they were on their journeys through life. Of all the books I have used, this has been the one which has been the most effective in promoting group discussion, bonding, and enthusiasm. Whether you are looking for something to study with a group, or just for your personal enlightenment, you just found the right book! END

I received this book as a gift from a friend. What a precious thing! I love meditating on the biblical story and this book goes to the depths of the book of Ruth, doing so in a way that is faithful to the text. It also reveals that the real friend in all friendships is God himself.

Wonderful read as we get ready for our annual women's retreat!

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