

**Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church**

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**Today's Title:**

**"What Can Help Family Members Stick Together"**

**Today's Text: Ruth 1:14-17 (NLT)**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ can help family members stick together. V. 16-17**
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ can help family members stick together. V. 18**
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ can help family members stick together. V.19,22**

<sup>14</sup> And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi. <sup>15</sup> "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them continued on their journey. When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. "Is it really Naomi?" the women asked. <sup>20</sup> "Don't call me Naomi," she responded. "Instead, call me Mara,<sup>[a]</sup> for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer<sup>[b]</sup> and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?"

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned from Moab, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth, the young Moabite woman. They arrived in Bethlehem in late spring, at the beginning of the barley harvest.