



FAMILY: ASSEMBLY REQUIRED **THE FAITH OF A MOM | RUTH 1:8-18** **Pastor Mark Owens**

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Three actionable steps of faith:

- Pray
- Surrender
- Devote

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Your prayers will impact your children's decisions.

- Prayer shows our belief that God is present.
- Prayer indicates we believe God provides.
- Prayer proves our dependence on God.
- Prayer demonstrates our convictions.



Love: *Hesed*

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. - Exodus 15:13

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. - Deuteronomy 7:9

Rest

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- There is always hope.
- God meets us in loneliness.
- Family provides reassurance.

SURRENDER

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Surrender your children into God's hands.

"When a child walks through fire, a mom will feel the heat."

How do we surrender them to the Lord?

Raise them in the Word.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- Teach God's Word consistently
- Apply God's Word daily
- Live God's Word visibly
- Pray God's Word aloud

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. - 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Model your faith.

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. - Joshua 24:15



Model your faith:

- Be Jesus at home.
- Be Jesus at work.
- Be Jesus at the ball field.
- Be Jesus in the stories you tell.
- Be Jesus in the way you talk about people.
- Be Jesus when no one is around and you are all alone.

Give them the opportunity to choose:

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Families must leave the old behind and be committed to what God has next.

**Devoted to following into a new land.
Devoted to a new life.
Devoted to a new Lord.**

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