

# My Big Happy Family

"I Wish My In-Laws Would..."

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*"But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the Lord reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. 9 May the Lord bless you with the security of another marriage.' Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. 10 'No,' they said. 'We want to go with you to your people.' 11 But Naomi replied, 'Why should you go on with me? Can I still give birth to other sons who could grow up to be your husbands? 12 No, my daughters, return to your parents' homes, for I am too old to marry again. And even if it were possible, and I were to get married tonight and bear sons, then what? 13 Would you wait for them to grow up and refuse to marry someone else? No, of course not, my daughters! Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord himself has raised his fist against me.' 14 And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi. 15 'Look,' Naomi said to her, 'your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same.' 16 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. 17 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!' 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more." Ruth 1: 8-18 NLT*

## Wishes concerning in-laws...

● Would \_\_\_\_\_ me as their own.

*"Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and*

*thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you."*

**Ephesians 4:31-32 MSG**

*"And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own."*

**Phil. 2:4 GNT**

*"... encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thess. 5:11 NIV*

● Would respect \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:17 NIV*

● Would \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

*"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."*

**Romans 12: 18 NKJV**

## Practical ways to rebuild a relationship with an in-law:

Maintain a \_\_\_\_\_.

Focus on things you have in common.

Seek to understand rather than be understood.

Do a \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

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