



# MILESTONES

FOR CHRISTIAN CHAMPIONS



## Purity Covenant

Examples from Biblical Heros

## **The Principles of Ruth**

One powerful example of the impact of a relationship built on God's Word is Ruth. Ruth was selfless in her motive for taking care of Naomi.

In Ruth 1:7-14, Ruth went back to Israel with Naomi even when it looked like Naomi could not do anything for her.

Ruth chose God and chose to follow Naomi (and ultimately God) at all costs!

Ruth built her relationship with Naomi on God's principles and would not change under any circumstances.

Ruth 1:16 & 17 shows us that she kept "doing the Word."

According to Ruth 2:22 & 23 and Ruth 3:1-5, Ruth continued to submit to Naomi's authority.

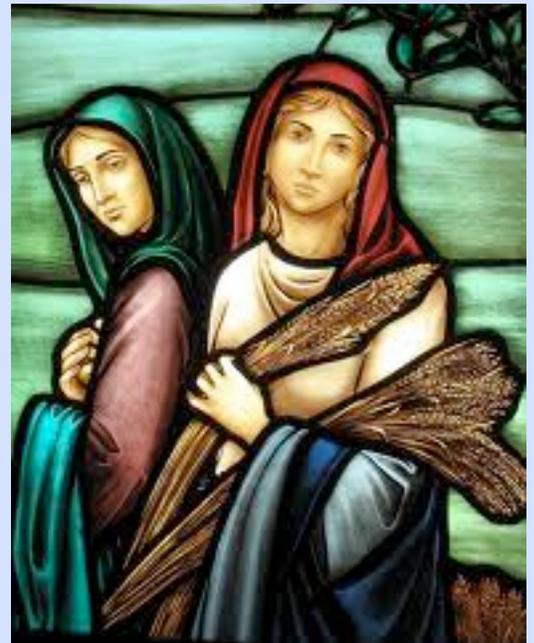
Through her relationship with Naomi, Ruth eventually met and married Boaz, and her destiny in God was fulfilled.

The Bible says in Ruth 4:13-17 that Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David. Matthew 15 lists her in the lineage of Jesus!

## **Samson's Fall**

Samson is a tragic example of how a relationship that is not built on the Word of God can destroy a person. Judges 13:1-25 says that Samson was called from his mother's womb to be set apart for God and to be a powerful leader in Israel.

According to Judges 16:4-21, Samson's relationship with Delilah was not based on God's Word.



She drew him away from God instead of helping him go deeper in the things of God.

Delilah eventually betrayed Samson, and he was defeated by his enemies, the Philistines.

The relationship cost him God's will and even his very life!

### **What We Do in Relationships Affects Others**

Samson's decision affected his parents and hundreds of Philistines, not just himself.

### **About David**

David's decision affected Uriah, Bathsheba (who lost both her husband and her child), the baby, and all of Israel. In 2 Samuel 12:11 & 12, Nathan prophesied to David, and one of the things he said was that what David did against Uriah would be done to David – in broad daylight.



Many years later, David's son Absalom rebelled against him and took over the palace. Absalom set up a tent on the roof of the palace for everyone to see that he was taking his father's concubines (meaning the women who lived with David but were not married to him). This is found in 2 Samuel 16:21 & 22.

If Samson and David had followed God's law in the first place in their relationships, they could have avoided a lot of heartache.

David was strong enough in his faith to face his sin so that he wouldn't keep making the same mistake over and over.

Samson had not spent a lot of time preparing to walk out the call of God on his life.

As a result, he was not committed to doing things the right way or making changes in his heart and in his life when he saw that he made a mistake.

Samson made the same mistake over again with another Philistine woman named Delilah.

Samson's mistake with Delilah cost him his anointing and eventually, his life.

### **Some Points to Consider about Adam**

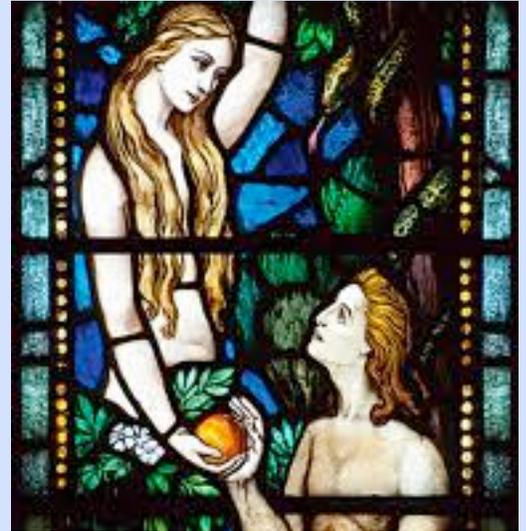
God brought Adam his wife.

Adam's focus was not on getting a wife.

He was content with his relationship with God and the things God had for him to do (learning about the garden, naming the animals, etc.).

When Adam and Eve were in the will of God, their "marriage" was a good thing.

It wasn't until sin entered that strife and division entered as well.



### **Some Points to Consider about Isaac and Rebekah**

In Genesis 24:1-67, the story of Isaac and Rebekah is another example of God choosing a mate for those who serve Him.

According to Galatians 4:28, Isaac is an example of all those who have been born again according to the promise.

His father, Abraham, is a type of our heavenly Father.

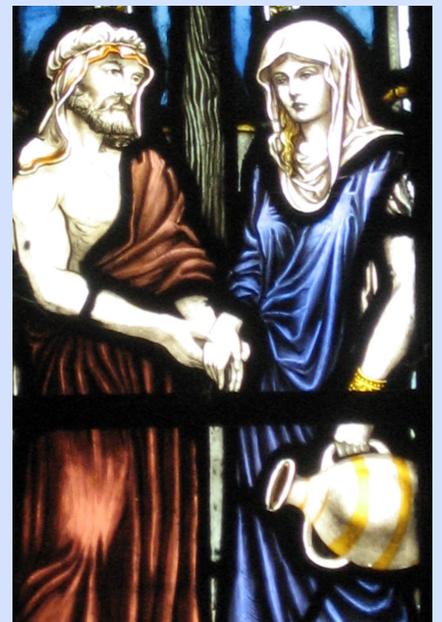
Abraham sent out his servant to bring a wife for Isaac.

In verse 14, the servant depended on God to lead him to Rebekah.

In verse 16, Rebekah was revealed as a beautiful young woman who had remained pure before God (she was a virgin).

In Genesis 24:58, Rebekah was willing to submit to the will of God for her life, including God's choice for her husband.

Both Isaac and Rebekah were simply living their lives and doing what God wanted them to do when God brought them together.



Genesis 24:15-20 says Rebekah was working in her father's house, drawing water from the well, and showing kindness to strangers (she offered water to Abraham's servant and his camels).

Both Isaac and Rebekah were happy in God's choice for their spouse. Even though they never met before they got married, in Genesis 24:67, the Bible says Isaac loved Rebekah and was comforted by her.

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