# **Great Canadian Bible Study** The Power of Two Plus One



THE STORY OF RUTH AND NAOMI

## Part 1.

## <u>A True-to Life Ruth and Naomi Story</u> <u>featuring Patti Chapman and Karen Kearns</u>

• What is Mentoring?

## Part 2.

<u>The Story of Naomi, Ruth and God – the Model of Mentorship</u> Ruth 1:1-5,

## God's Preparation for Mentoring

• Are you in a situation at present where God might be "setting you apart" for a role in His Divine plan?

### Ruth1:6-22,

The Great Shake-up and Split-up -- God's Positioning for Mentoring

• How do those around me view my character, my faith, my concern for them?

## Ruth 2:1-3,

### Ruth's Care and Concern --God's Plan for Mentoring

• What, where, and how can I work for Jesus to bless others?

## Part 3.

## <u>The Introduction of Boaz, the Kinsman Redeemer</u> Ruth 2:4-13,

## Boaz's Impression (Love at First Sight?) -- God's Provision

• In what ways am I sharing my faith, my time, my possessions with others?

### Ruth 2:14-23,

### Ruth's Obedience--Jehovah Jireh, My Provider

• Have I been tempted to "glean in any other field" than the one God has chosen for me? What were the results?

## Ruth 3,

### The Kinsman-Redeemer

- Think of the times God has used a wise mentor in your life who has said: "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out..." OR He has whispered this statement in your heart through the Holy Spirit. How did you react?
- Think of situations in which you have been mentored. What type of mentoring worked best in your situation? Why?

## Part 4.

## <u>The End of the Story</u>

## Ruth 4,

The Cost, the Pledge, the Promise

- Which type of mentor am I? (See other handout)
- Who can I mentor? Who is God bringing across your path? He is the orchestrator of relationship.
- How do I get started? Pray, watch, obey, love, share

## Conclusion

• "Who Has Mentored Me... Who is God Leading Me to Mentor?"

## The 5 types of mentors you need in your life

Everyone can use a mentor. Scratch that — as it turns out, we could all use five mentors. "The best mentors can help us define and express our inner calling," says Anthony Tjan, CEO of Boston venture capital firm Cue Ball Group and author of Good People. "But rarely can one person give you everything you need to grow."

#### Mentor #1: The master of craft

"If you know you want to be the best in your field — whether it's the greatest editor, football quarterback, entrepreneur — ask, Who are the most iconic figures in that area?" says Tjan. This person can function as your personal Jedi master, someone who's accumulated their wisdom through years of experience and who can provide insight into your industry and fine-tuning your skills. Turn to this person when you need advice about launching a new initiative or brainstorming where you should work next. "They should help you identify, realize and hone your strengths towards the closest state of perfection as possible," he says.

#### Mentor #2: The champion of your cause

This mentor is someone who will talk you up to others, and it's important to have one of these in your current workplace, says Tjan: "These are people who are advocates and who have your back." But they're more than just boosters — often, they can be connectors too, introducing you to useful people in your industry.

#### Mentor #3: The copilot

Another name for this type: Your best work bud. The copilot is the colleague who can talk you through projects, advise you in navigating the personalities at your company, and listen to you vent over coffee. This kind of mentoring relationship is best when it's close to equally reciprocal. As Tjan puts it, "you are peers committed to supporting each other, collaborating with each other, and holding each other accountable. And when you have a copilot, both the quality of your work and your engagement level improve."

#### Mentor #4: The anchor

This person doesn't have to work in your industry — in fact, it could be a friend or family member. While your champion supports you to achieve specific career goals, your anchor is a confidante and a sounding board. "We're all going to hit speed bumps and go through uncertainty in life," says Tjan. "So we need someone who can give us a psychological lift and help us see light through the cracks during challenging times." Because the anchor is keeping your overall best interests in mind, they can be particularly insightful when it comes to setting priorities, achieving work-life balance, and not losing sight of your values.

#### Mentor #5: The reverse mentor

"When we say the word 'mentor,' we often conjure up the image of an older person or teacher," says Tjan. "But I think the counterpoint is as important." Pay attention to learning from the people you're mentoring, even though they may have fewer years in the workplace than you. Speaking from his own experience, Tjan says, "Talking to my mentees gives me the opportunity to collect feedback on my leadership style, engage with the younger generation, and keep my perspectives fresh and relevant."

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