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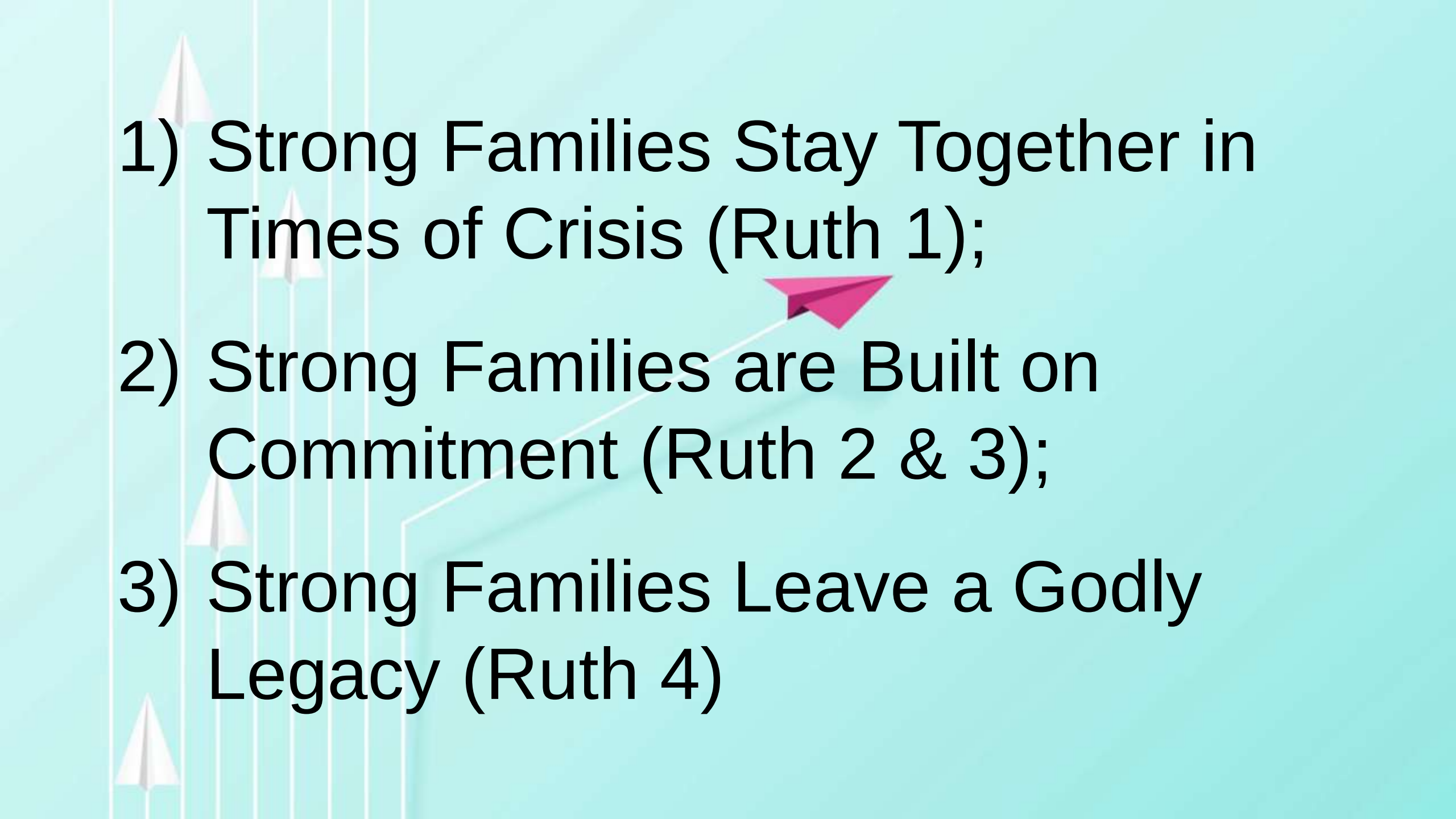
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A Family Drawn Together in the Lord Lessons from the Book of Ruth

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Lessons on Building Strong Families

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- 1) Strong Families Stay Together in Times of Crisis (Ruth 1);
 - 2) Strong Families are Built on Commitment (Ruth 2 & 3);
 - 3) Strong Families Leave a Godly Legacy (Ruth 4)



What keeps families strong:
COMMUNICATION

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1:1 Period marked by spiritual chaos, at the
time of Judges 21:25

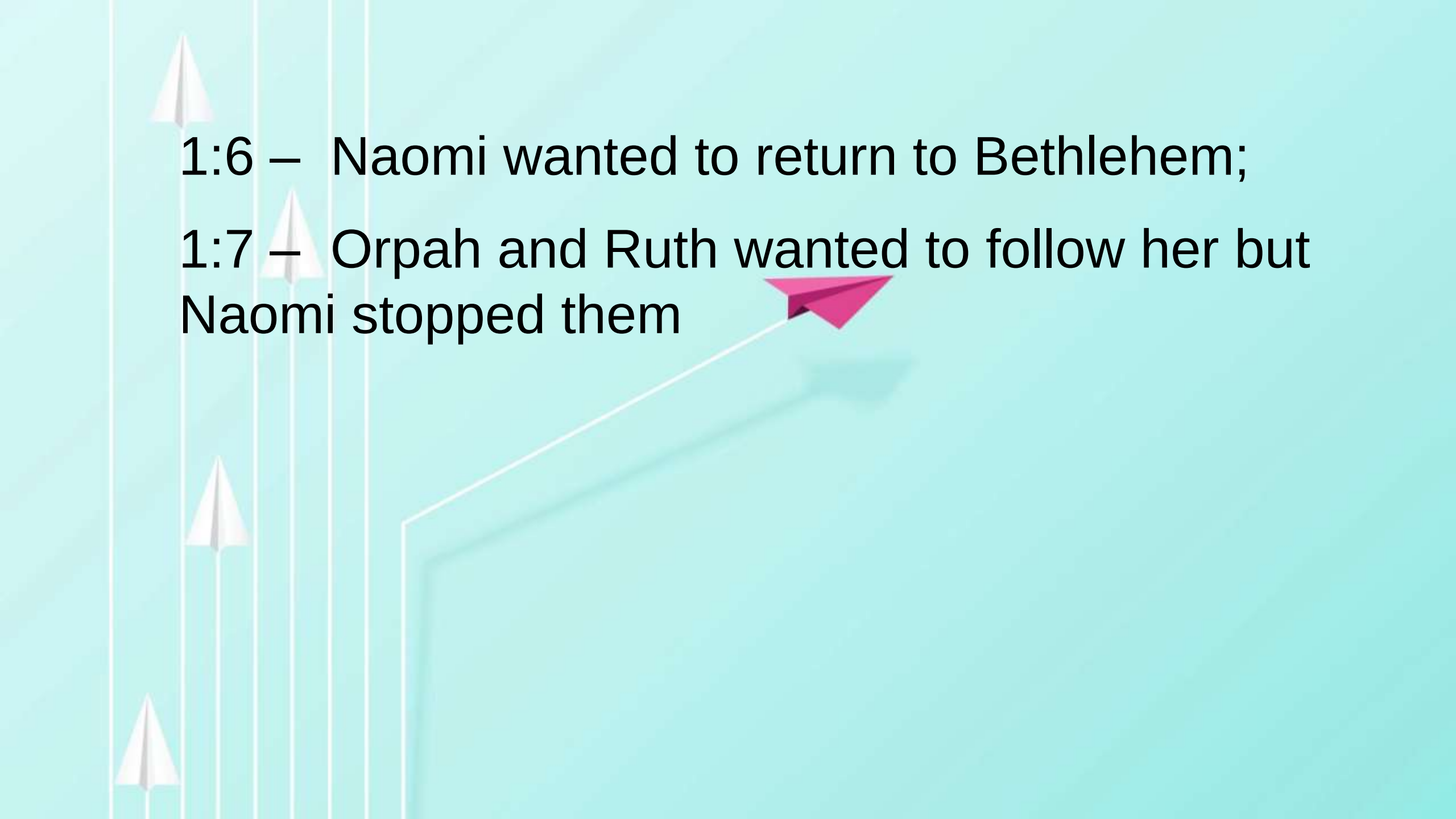
1) **Strong Families stay together in times of crisis**

1:3 – Elimelech died;

1:4 – The two sons died;

Naomi interpreted her suffering as God's hand against her;

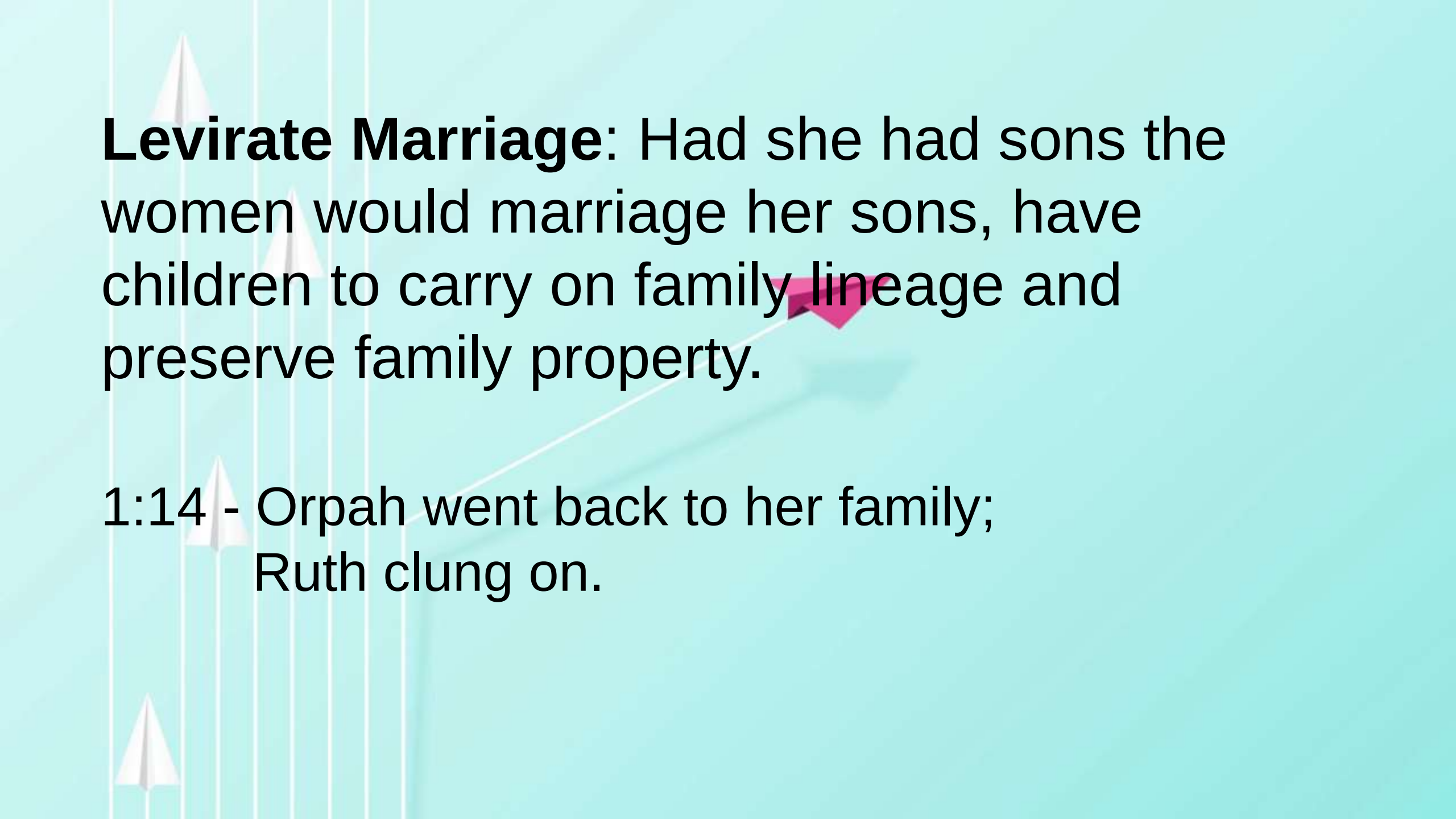
True family strength is revealed when facing hardship;



1:6 – Naomi wanted to return to Bethlehem;

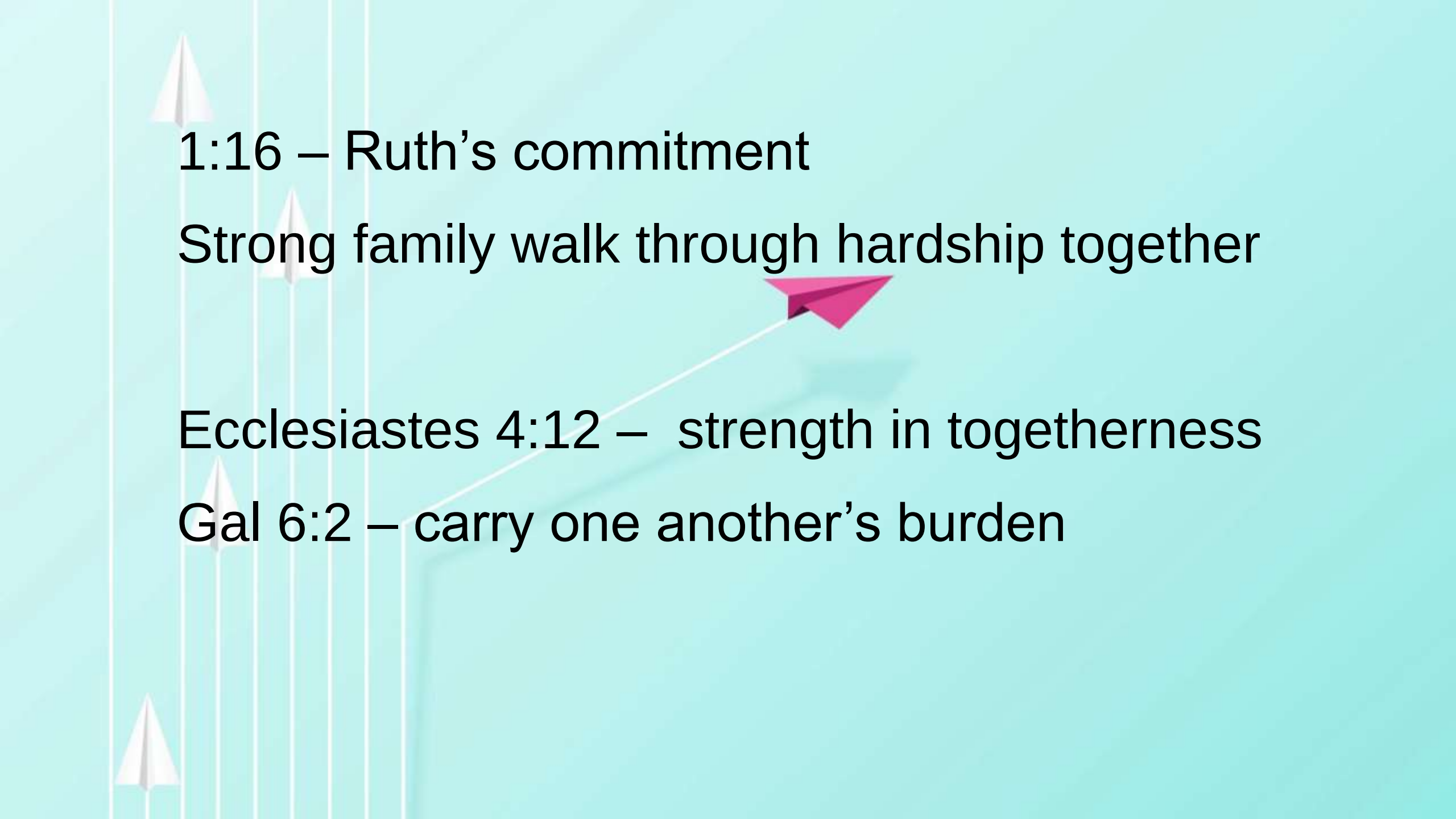
1:7 – Orpah and Ruth wanted to follow her but
Naomi stopped them





Levirate Marriage: Had she had sons the women would marriage her sons, have children to carry on family lineage and preserve family property.

1:14 - Orpah went back to her family;
Ruth clung on.



1:16 – Ruth's commitment

Strong family walk through hardship together

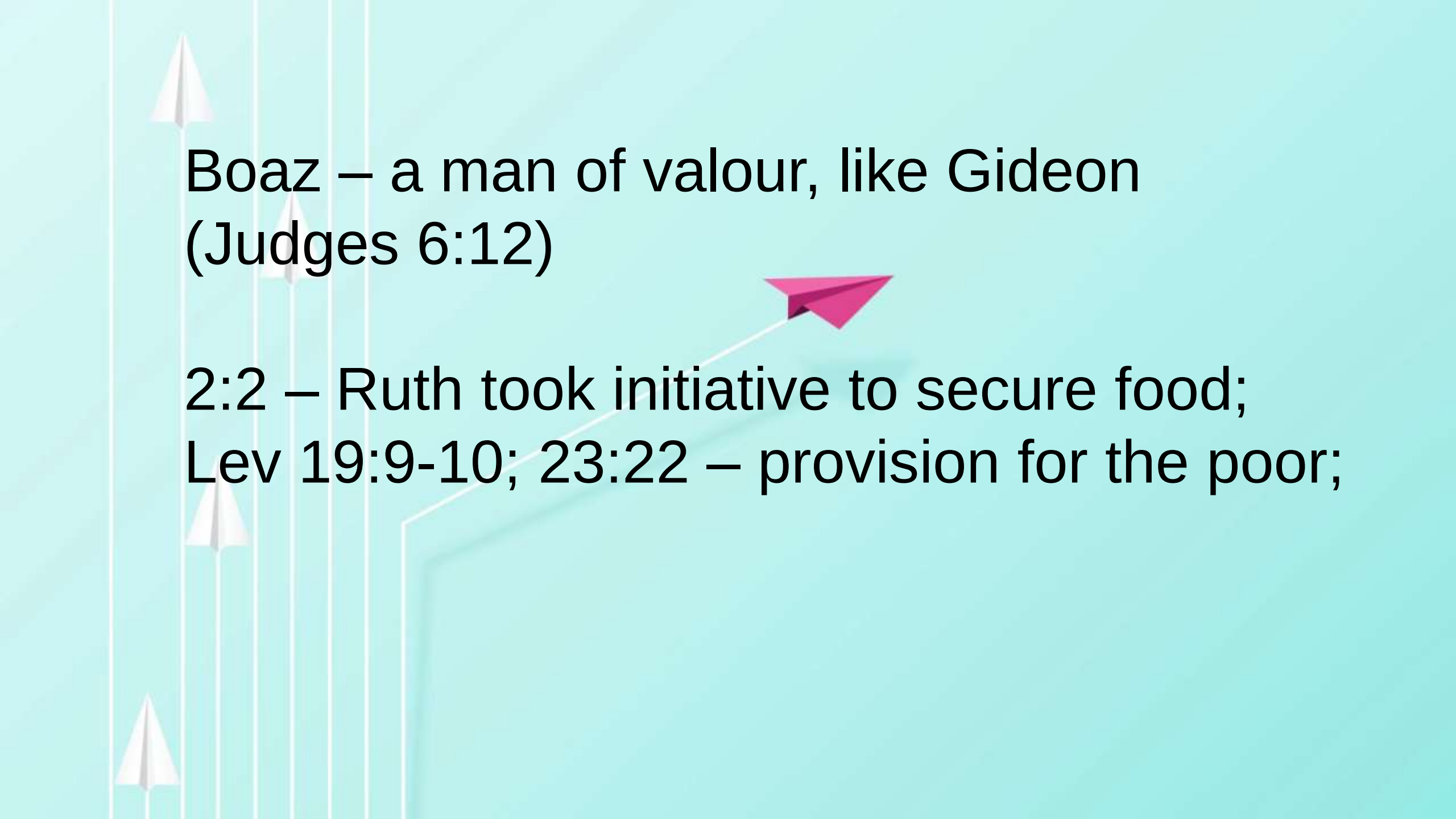
Ecclesiastes 4:12 – strength in togetherness

Gal 6:2 – carry one another's burden

2) Strong families are built on commitment

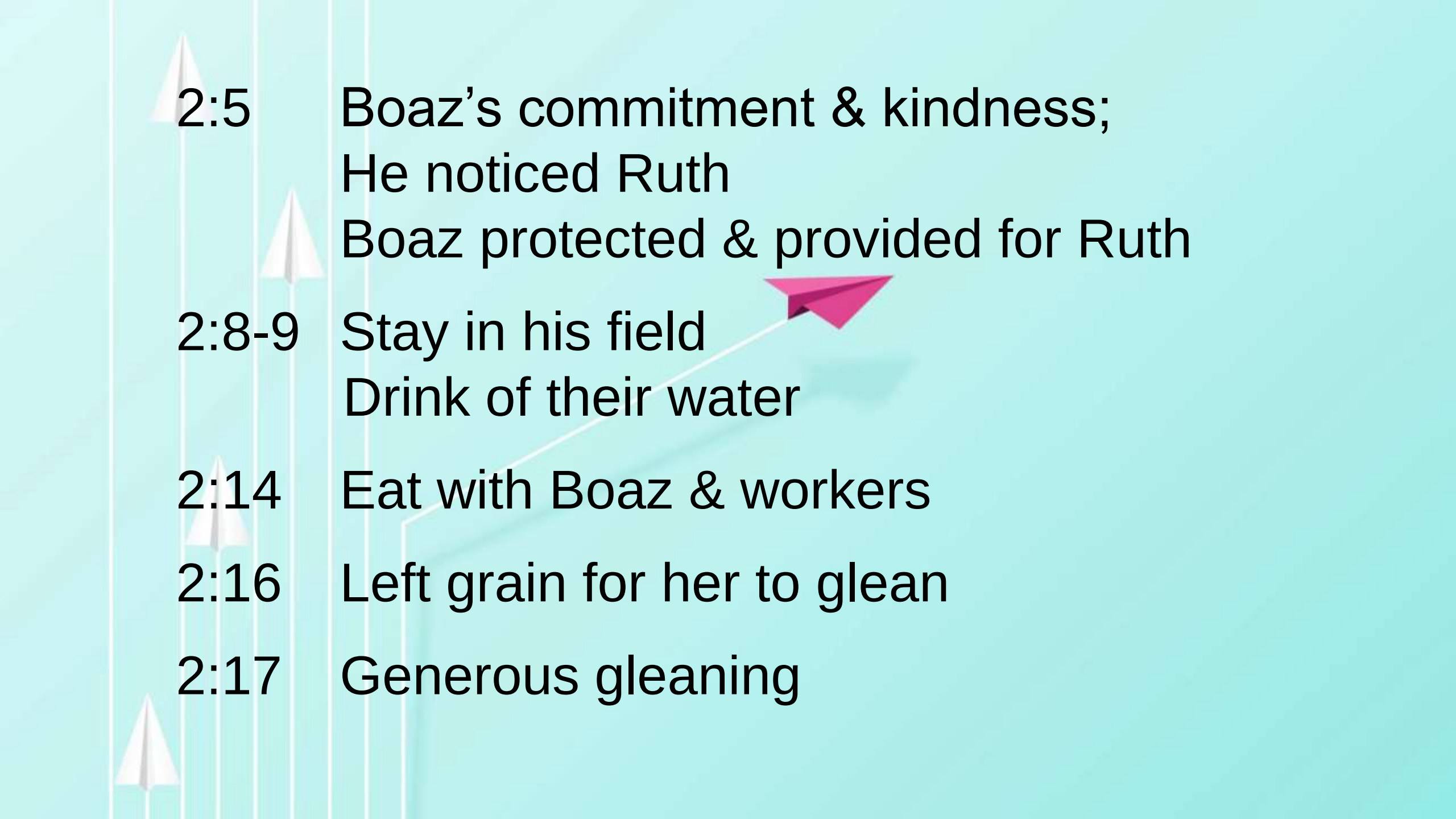
Boaz – a kinsman.

Kinsman – a male relative legally obligated to rescue a family member by buying back lost family property.

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Boaz – a man of valour, like Gideon
(Judges 6:12)

2:2 – Ruth took initiative to secure food;
Lev 19:9-10; 23:22 – provision for the poor;



2:5 Boaz's commitment & kindness;
He noticed Ruth
Boaz protected & provided for Ruth

2:8-9 Stay in his field
Drink of their water

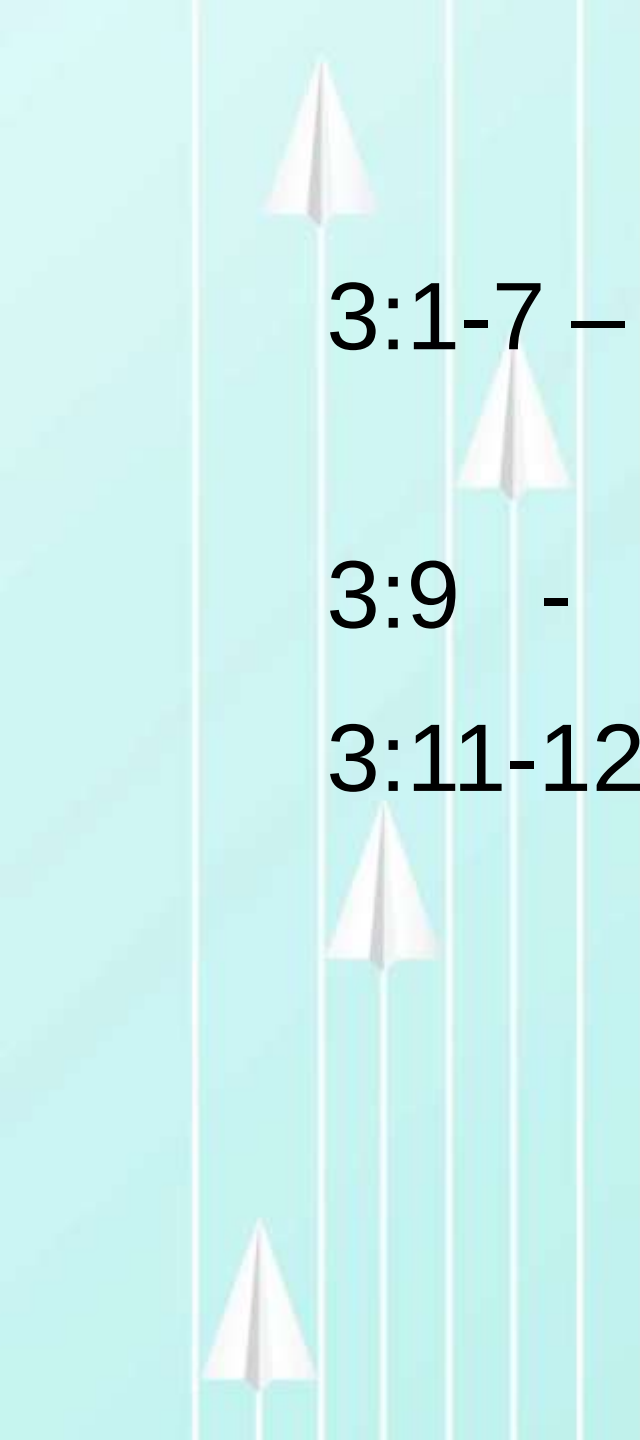
2:14 Eat with Boaz & workers

2:16 Left grain for her to glean

2:17 Generous gleaning



Boaz treated Ruth with dignity;
Strong families are built by committed people



3:1-7 – Naomi's attempt to help Ruth
approach Boaz in the field;

3:9 - Boaz notices Ruth;

3:11-12 Boaz will not take shortcuts;

Strong family must commit to:

- a) God
- b) One another
- c) Integrity
- d) Serve



Strong families leave a godly legacy

4:1 – Boaz approached the close relative;

4:6 – Close relative could not redeem

4:7 – Custom of removing sandal

4:13 – Boaz redeemed & wed Ruth

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4:14 – Women blessed Naomi

4:16 – Naomi cared for grandchild

Legacy is more than material things;

Godly legacy: a life that points others to God

Conclusion

How are you all drawing closer
to God and each other?

