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**Cords of Love**

**Intro - Every relationship needs some basic elements to succeed - especially the marriage relationship within a sacred family.**

Proverbs 4:12

**I. The 5 Cords of Love**

The book of Ruth is the story of a young widow who cares for her mother-in-law at great cost to herself.

* 1. **The Cord of** . Ch 1:1-15

Note Naomi's reaction to her own difficult situation.

Kindness builds a relationship.

* 1. **The Cord of** . Ch. 1:16-22

Ruth was loyal to her family's values and faith.

Nothing strengthens a relationship like a show of loyalty at a critical moment.

* 1. **The Cord of** . Ch. 2:1-23

Ruth's relationship with Naomi caused her to work hard.

The best way to "stir up" a relationship is to:

* + - 1. Communicate
			2. Do things
			3. Share

The easiest thing to do in a relationship is to

* 1. **The Cord of** . Ch. 3:1-4:12

Ruth had to marry in order to guarantee a better life for herself.

Patience is the rope that keeps you together when the other ropes give way.

Patience is learned.

* 1. **The Cord of** . Ch. 4:13-22

No one knew God's plan in all of this.

Faith provides something that the other four cords cannot provide-hope.

**Summary**

The 5 Cords of Love:

1. Kindness- Builds
2. Loyalty- Binds
3. Work- Breaks
4. Patience- Balances
5. Faith- Brings

Where is the cord of Love?