

## Book of Ruth - His Nature vs Our Nature

Jesus wants to separate us from our old sinful nature. The Lord wants us to fulfill our destiny and He will work in us to accomplish it.

He may bring us into a difficult season to reveal and crush the things that hinder our walk with him. Sinful desires, pride, ego, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-sufficiency, arrogance, control, manipulation, anger, and our rebellious and independent nature, inerrant emotions, perceptions and thoughts, and what we think we know about God as opposed to who He really is. Faith is tested.

The redemptive value of pain - we learn obedience – we learn that we can't do the things God has called us to do in our flesh or in our own strength, gifting or talents.

SELF NATURE	HIS NATURE
Pride	Humility
Ego/self-esteem/self-worth	Our identity and self-worth comes from being a beloved child of God. It is not what we but who we are. 1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
Self-reliance/self confidence	Confidence in Christ-Phil 3: 3-8 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, <b>who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—</b> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.  <b>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.</b> I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
Self-sufficiency	Our sufficiency is in Christ -2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, <b>but our sufficiency is from God</b>
Arrogance	Meekness/Humility
Anger	Gentleness – Self Control

Stubborn/Rebellious nature	Submission to his will – Luke 22:42 Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”
Independent nature	Dependence on him - Galatians 2:20  I have been crucified with Christ. <b>It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.</b> And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Inerrant thoughts - Romans 8:7 For the carnal mind that is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law	Mind of Christ - Corinthians 10:5  We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and <b>taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ</b>  We become more aware that thoughts affect our actions which affect our choices
Manipulation and control	Trusting God for the outcome  Not impose my will on a person or situation
Who we think God is	Who God Really is  Jesus came to “reveal the Father”

Galatians 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (NIV)