

Bible Women Still Speak

Lesson 11 – Ruth

1. What is the first thing you do when your life gets confusing?
 - How might Ruth’s story change your typical response?

2. Ruth was devoted to Naomi and wanted to stay with her wherever she went. Who are the people in your life who you respect and are loyal to?
 - What is special about those relationships that make it so?

3. Ruth grew up only knowing the Moabite worldview. What are you doing to gain a biblical worldview?

4. How might Naomi’s complaint about being “afflicted by God” affect Ruth?
 - What potential affect might our complaints have on others?
 - Have you ever had thoughts of being “afflicted by God”? How did you combat them?

5. Maintaining her relationship with Naomi meant hard physical work for Ruth (not just warm feelings of affection.) How willing are you to get your hands dirty and your back sore to maintain your friendships/relationships?

6. Ruth was willing to leave her own culture and community to follow Naomi and her God. On a scale from 1-10, how willing are you to go when God calls you out of your comfort zone?

7. If we really believe that God is the “Blessed Controller of all things”, why do you think we spend so much time worrying?

8. What skills can we develop to gain confidence that God’s hand really is on our lives during the “in between” times of our stories?

9. From the teaching, the old man in the Portuguese story was careful not to assume he saw the full picture when assessing His circumstances. How does Ruth’s story underscore the wisdom of his perspective?

10. Ruth looked to Naomi as her spiritual mentor. Who has been your spiritual mentor? What was the most important lesson he/she taught you that you still practice today?

11. What is the most important lesson you have learned from the study of Ruth?