



The Story of Ruth
How Did I End Up Here?

Ruth 1:1-5

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Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Trust God, not Your Circumstances
 2. Shortcuts Cut Your Faith Short
 3. Turn to the Bread of Life
1. Does Naomi's situation in Ruth 1 remind you of a time or times in your life when loss and grief overwhelmed you? Describe how your perspective of God is affected by emotional and physical pain. What other circumstances alter your view of God?
 2. Consider situations in which we are tempted to live as if the Lord is not King. In what circumstances are we tempted to make decisions based on fear, not faith? What other factors guide our decision-making, instead of faith in the Lord?
 3. What experiences have you had of bitter trials preparing the way for the Lord's kindness?
 4. Do you think we take the Lord's warnings seriously enough today? How can we help ourselves and one another in this?
 5. How is God's visiting his people in the coming of Jesus good news for you today (not just on that final day)? How is this good news for your marriage, singleness, physical sufferings, fears, anxieties etc.?
 6. Spend some time praying for one another to look to God's covenant rather than our circumstances. This may be a good time to confess those areas where you have not trusted the Lord and to give thanks for his mercy and strength to help you grow.