

Series: *This is My Story* – Ruth

To date, our stories in this series have been well known heroes of the faith:

Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samson...

In what way is Ruth a departure from that list?

1 Peter 3:15 instructs believers to be ready to give an _____ for the hope we have;

as you read the book of Ruth, how would she have learned about hope?

Starting with the covenant in Genesis 12, God promises Israel _____; how does that reconcile with the famines we've seen in the stories of Abraham, Jacob, and Elimelek?

In the Bible, we find characters whose names were changed:

Abram > _____

Jacob >

Simon > _____

Saul > _____

Naomi asks to have her name changed, in Ruth 1:20-21

How does that contrast with the changed names above?

Reflection:

Read Lamentations 3:33, and ponder Naomi's conclusion: "the Lord has afflicted me"

Do you need to alter a similar false narrative in your own life?

Do you feel hopeful? Are you ready to answer someone who asks you why?

How can you use story-telling to bless others who need Jesus?