

Ruth chapter 1 – Loyal Love

What is the context for this story (vs 1-2)?

In what ways is Naomi's story similar to Job's?

Why does Naomi attempt to send back Orpah and Ruth? (vs 8-9)

Why is Ruth's response unexpected?

What is the significance of Ruth's declaration in vs 16-17?

Investigate the Hebrew word 'Hesed' (vs 8). In what ways does Ruth demonstrate hesed in chapter one?

What are common responses to suffering both within and outside the body of Christ?

In what ways does the book of Ruth help Christians today to wrestle with questions of suffering, faith and life?

What opportunities do you have to show hesed to others and point people to the gospel of Jesus Christ this week? Spend some time praying about these opportunities.