

RUTH

Can I trust you through this?

Ruth 1:1-6: "In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there."

- Judges: 21 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
- Bethlehem - House of Bread
- Moab is a result of an incest incident of Lot and his two daughters.
 - Known for their devotion to Bael, Numbers 25:1-5
 - Very seductive, very sexually charged type of society
 - They don't believe in the God of Israel
- Naomi - pleasant
- Elimelek- my God is King
- Truth - Friendship

I. Our first reaction to anything problem is Why _____?

Bad things will happen to you in this lifetime, and sometimes it's not the result of your doing, sometimes it's caused by someone else.

John 16:33: "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

We have peace because we know the _____.

II. Instead of asking "why me" we should ask, "Can I _____ through this?"

When unexpected hurt, tragedy, and trouble happen in your life, through your hurt, pain and confusion, you can ask God, "Can I trust you through this?"

Psalm 13: How long O Lord?

III. I will _____ through this.

Some years you might have a death in the family, a rebellious child, a troubled marriage, lose a job, or be in a financial bind. Whatever it may be, not only can we ask God, "Can I trust you through this?" but we can take it a step closer to God and say,

"I WILL _____ YOU THROUGH THIS."

"But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

Because He has dealt bountifully with me."

Psalm:13:5-6

WE CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE WE KNOW THE ENDING.