

A New Way...

The Bible is Clear: Moabites are bad. They were not to be allowed to dwell among God's people (Deut. 23] ...**but then** comes the story of "Ruth the Moabite" which challenges the prejudice against Moabites.

The Bible is Clear: People from Uz are evil (Jer. 25) ...**but then** comes the story of Job, a man from Uz who was the "most blameless man on earth".

The Bible is Clear: No foreigners or eunuchs allowed (Deut. 23) ...**but then** comes the story of an African eunuch welcomed into the church (Acts 8).

The Bible is Clear: God's people *hated* Samaritans ...**but then** Jesus tells a story that shows not all Samaritans were bad.

The Story May Begin with prejudice, discrimination and animosity ...**but then** the Spirit moves God's people toward openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance and affirmation.