



Heroes of the Old Testament

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING





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DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MIDIANITES:

You know you are dealing with the Midianites when the trouble is coming from the most unexpected place.

You know you are dealing with the Midianites because just when you get your head above water, that problem resurfaces again.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING?

1. The crisis is not powerful enough to place you out of the reach of God.

Isaiah 59:1

2. The crisis does position you for your calling.

Judges 6:12-13

God is more interested in changing your heart than He is your circumstances.

Luke 19:17

Hebrews 11:32-34

Judges 6:12

No matter how you feel, what the Scripture says about you is true.

1 Peter 2:9

3. Your crisis does not dictate your capability.

Judges 6:11-12, 14

The angel of the LORD came (v. 11), appeared (v. 12), looked (v. 14).



Come Together





If You Remain Silent





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Our protagonist made three shifts that moved her from self-preservation to brave determination.

1. Esther had a choice.

“She [Esther] had to overcome herself in order to do what God had created her and positioned her to do.”¹

2. Esther faced the fear.

Consider general fears, then our context’s specific fear:

- Facing any fear

And if _____, then _____.

[your answers here]

Scenario #5*

It's tough being a woman in the tight fist of fear.

- Facing fear of death

Hebrews 2:14-15 from The Message: "By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death."

"Living perpetually in the shadow of immanent catastrophe, the Jew was threatened not only physically but psychologically. Walking in the shadow of death was as perilous as dying."²

3. Esther took the courage she was offered.

*Scenarios 1-4 can be found in the *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman* Bible study.



Loved Again





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WHEN YOU AIN'T GOT YADA, YOU AIN'T GOT NADA

When we wander from God, usually our problem is a lack of knowledge.

When we see the word *know* in the Book of Hosea, it is usually the Hebrew word *yada* which means "an intimate knowing."

When we stray from God, we stray from our sense of self because we don't yada our source of self.

Sarah did not value herself because she did not yada God.

Naomi's grandson, Obed, grew up to become the father of Jesse and Jesse the father of David. And Jesus Christ came from the lineage of David.

In the Book of Hosea, "knowledge of God" is *daath Elohim* in Hebrew and shows an empathetic connection to God.

Revelation 2:5 gives us the following steps to yada:

1. Consider from where you have fallen.
2. Repent.
3. Do the things you did at first.

God doesn't want us to sacrifice relationship with Him for activity for Him.



God's Definitive
Declaration of Affection





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OUTLINE

- SCENE 1 assertion (from God): Malachi 1:2a
- SCENE 2 questioning (from Israel): Malachi 1:2b
- SCENE 3 response (from God): Malachi 1:2c-3
- SCENE 4 implication (to Israel): Malachi 1:4-5