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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 <u>unexpected</u> place.

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

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING?

1. The crisis is not <u>powerful</u> enough to place you out of the <u>reach</u> of God. Isaiah 59:1

2. The crisis does <u>position</u> you for your <u>calling</u>.

Judges 6:12-13

God is more interested in changing your <u>heart</u> than He is your <u>circumstances</u>.

Luke 19:17

Hebrews 11:32-34

Judges 6:12

No matter how you feel, what the <u>Scripture</u> says about you is <u>true</u>.

1 Peter 2:9

3. Your crisis does not <u>dictate</u> your <u>capability</u>. Judges 6:11-12, 14

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

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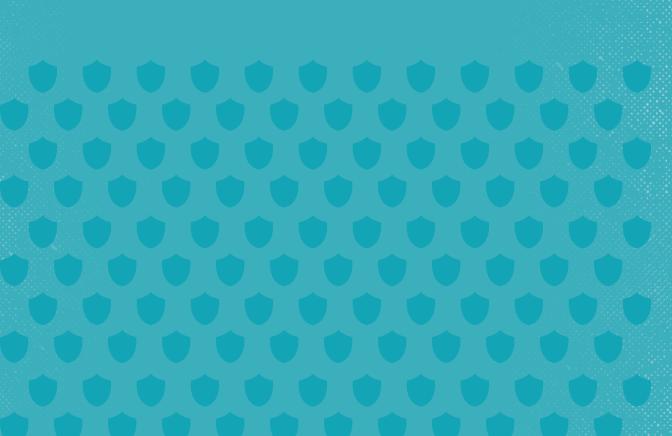




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If You Remain Silent



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

1. Esther had a <u>choice</u>.

"She [Esther] had to <u>overcome</u> <u>herself</u> in order to do what God had created her and positioned her to do."¹

2. Esther <u>faced the</u> fear .

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

• Facing any <u>fear</u>

And if ______, then _____.

[your answers here]

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Scenario #5*

It's tough being a woman in the <u>tight</u> <u>fist</u> <u>of</u> <u>fear</u>.

• Facing fear of <u>death</u>

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 <u>cower</u> through life, <u>scared</u> to <u>death</u> of <u>death</u>."

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

3. Esther <u>took</u> <u>the</u> <u>courage</u> she was offered.

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

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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 <u>knowledge</u>

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

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

Sarah did not <u>value</u> herself because she did not yada God.

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

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

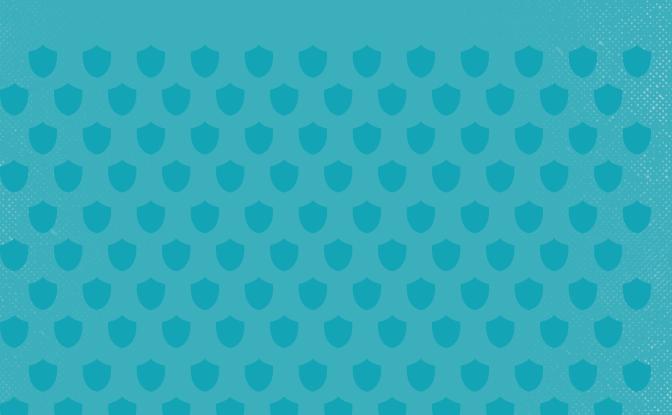
Revelation 2:5 gives us the following steps to yada:

- 1. Consider from where you have <u>fallen</u>.
- 2. <u>Repent</u>.
- 3. Do the things you did at <u>first</u>.

God doesn't want us to sacrifice <u>relationship</u> with Him for activity for Him.



God's Definitive Declaration of Affection





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

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