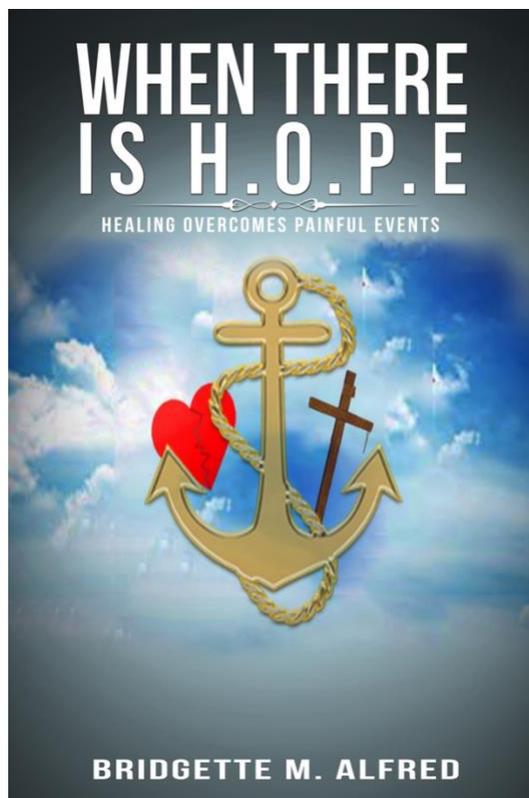


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week
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Grandma Louise and Miriam

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GRANDMA LOUISE AND MIRIAM

Grandma Louise had Hope in herself as the matriarch because she was domineering to her family. This excerpt shows she did not imitate God when it came to her family relationships.

Grandma Louise at times could have a mean attitude. She was the oldest of several siblings. It wasn't uncommon in those days for someone to be illiterate as children left school to work or help out at home.

They dated for six months before my mother took my father to Virginia to meet Grandma Louise. It seemed that Grandma Louise had gotten meaner since Grandpa Luke's death. She didn't like my father because he was fair-skinned and he had a New Orleans accent. My mother was very independent-minded except when it came to her mother. She was always looking for her approval.

Grandma Louise had a fit when my father said he seldom went to church. She wasn't showing any love towards him like the Bible said to do. She was being a real hypocrite. My father saw how uncomfortable her mother was making her, so he made an excuse for them to leave.

Kimberly had gone out of town, so she asked my father in for a drink. They got really drunk and, in the end, I was conceived that night. When my mother told my father, that she was pregnant, he was excited. He felt that this was his second chance to have a family. My father asked her to marry him.

My mother told me she said yes because she didn't want to be like her youngest sister, Madeline, who had a baby out of wedlock. Grandma Louise had told the whole family not to acknowledge Madeline or the child ever. My mother didn't listen to her. She was the only relative that kept in touch with Madeline.

When my mother told Grandma Louise that she was getting married she asked her if she was pregnant. She said yes because she couldn't lie. Immediately, Grandma Louise told her that she didn't ever want to see that heathen, bastard child, or her ever again. My mother was heartbroken. My father tried to console her but to no avail.

Reflection: How could a student of God’s Word squeeze the enjoyment out of her Christian walk by replacing relationship with regulations?

Read Numbers 12:1-10

Reflection: Have you ever gone through opposition with a relative or friend that was painful?

Read Numbers 12:11-16

Reflection: Do you follow the example of Christ and ask God to forgive your offenders?

Reflection: Describe how Grandma Louise and Miriam lives are similar.
