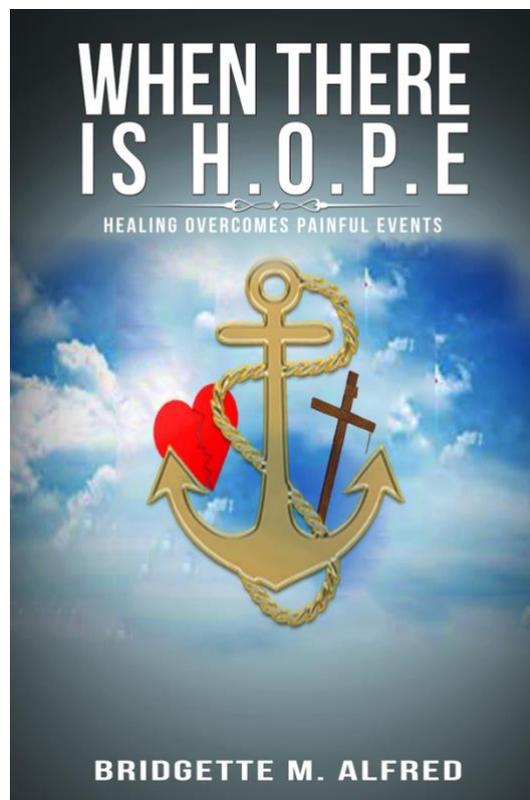


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week
Thirteen, Thursday, September 16, 2021**



Amber, Potiphar's Wife, and Athaliah

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AMBER, POTIPHAR'S WIFE, AND ATHALIAH

Amber had Hope in herself because she manipulated everyone around her. This excerpt shows that she had disregard for other people to fulfill her selfish desires.

When Amber finally came back to school, she accused me of causing her accident on purpose so I could get the lead to the play. She said, "You have a crush on Duke and wanted a chance to get close to him."

Making that false accusation was not enough for Amber. She started rumors that Mr. Jackson and I were sexually intimate. My peers started whispering about me. They said, "Raynelle only got into the Academy because her mother slept with the principal." I also found notes in my locker stating that my mother and I were tramps. The bullying got worse. I started receiving vulgar notes inside my school locker. Then a fake picture of Mr. Jackson and me in a compromising position was posted on the school bulletin board.

Amber had so much control over her entourage that she convinced one of the girls to confess. Finally, Amber had her other two friends lie about Mr. Jackson to get him fired. They accused him of making sexual advancements toward them. Mr. Greene told Mr. Jackson in confidence that he believed Amber was behind everything, but he couldn't prove it yet. Amber had her friends so intimidated they wouldn't dare turn against her. Mr. Greene convinced the executive board to let Mr. Jackson be suspended with pay while the investigation went on. The board also decided to cancel the musical for the fundraiser.

Derek had started eating his lunch under the bleachers in the gym. One day, Amber and Duke came in and sat right above him. They were unaware that he was there. They were talking about Mr. Jackson and me. Derek started recording the conversation on his cassette recorder that he sometimes took to class.

Duke was pleading with Amber to tell the truth about everything. Amber was ignoring him. Duke threatened Amber by telling her that if she didn't tell the truth, he was going to break up with her. Amber spoke up then and said that she was only going out with him because he was the most popular boy in school. She also told him that she could always find another dumb jock. Amber loudly hobbled out of the gym on her crutches.

Reflection: Can you think of several reasons why we would have to cast down pride to break free from any areas of captivity?

POTIPHAR'S WIFE

Read Genesis 39:6-15

Reflection: Do you think the devil was using Potiphar's wife to keep Joseph from fulfilling God given destination?

Reflection: Describe how Amber and Potiphar's Wife lives are similar.

ATHALIAH

Read 2 Kings 11:1-16

Reflection: Can you see through Athaliah's life that God's promises has there appointed time?

Reflection: Describe how Amber and Athaliah lives are similar.
