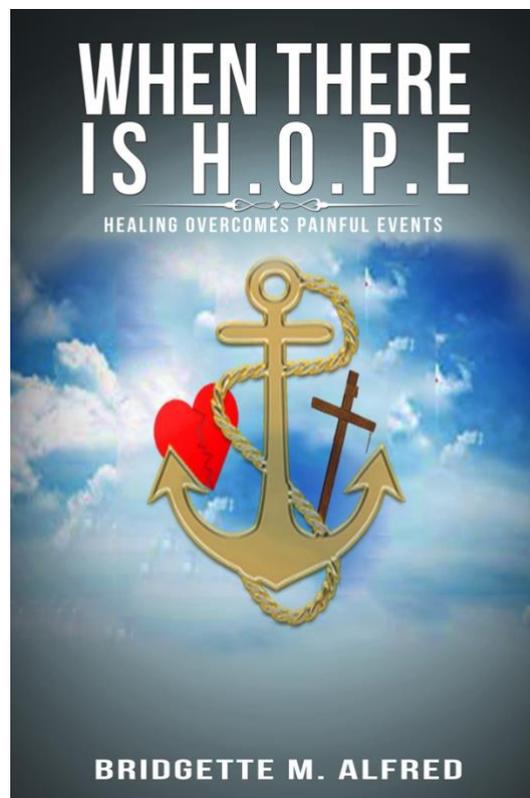


# **When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)**

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week  
Fourteen, Thursday, September 23, 2021**



**Duke and Gideon**

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## DUKE AND GIDEON

**Duke's Hope was in correcting the wrong that Amber Greene had done. This excerpt shows his choice to change the lives of those who had been mistreated.**

Amber tried her best to get me to pick her as my lead character because her boyfriend, Duke Morgan, had been chosen to be Romeo. Duke was on academic probation from the football team. Performing in the play allowed him to earn extra credit so that he could get reinstated to the football team. A student was allowed to practice a sport but not play in games. Any student on academic probation also could not participate in extracurricular activities, such as class trips and dances.

Just about every girl at the Academy had a crush on Duke. Amber had always had Duke and now three girls in her entourage. They followed her everywhere she went. She tried flattery, presents, and bribery to convince me to choose her for the lead. I didn't want Duke in the play, but since Derek was the technical director, he couldn't be in the play also. Mr. Jackson chose Duke.

Derek dropped his recorder and Duke heard it.

Duke looked under the bleachers and saw him. Duke told him, "You can come out." Duke started telling Derek, "I feel so guilty about what Amber did to Mr. Jackson and Raynelle. I knew what was going on but did not say anything." Duke confessed to him, "You see, Ray was secretly tutoring me."

I had made sure Duke only came over on the Saturdays that Derek didn't come. Duke had lied to Amber on those Saturdays telling her that he had to take his grandmother shopping and anywhere else she needed to go.

Duke said, "Ray has been more of a friend to me than I have been to her. If it wasn't for her, I would not be back on the football team. You know what? Use that recording to bust Amber and her entourage. Do what you have to do."

**Reflection:** Why does the devil try to trap people?

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**Read Judges 7:15-18**

**Reflection:** Have you ever receive instructions for your life through a dream?

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# GIDEON

**Read Judges 7:19-22**

**Reflection:** Can you relate to Gideon's war tactics that God chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise?

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**Reflection:** Describe how Duke and Gideon lives are similar.

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