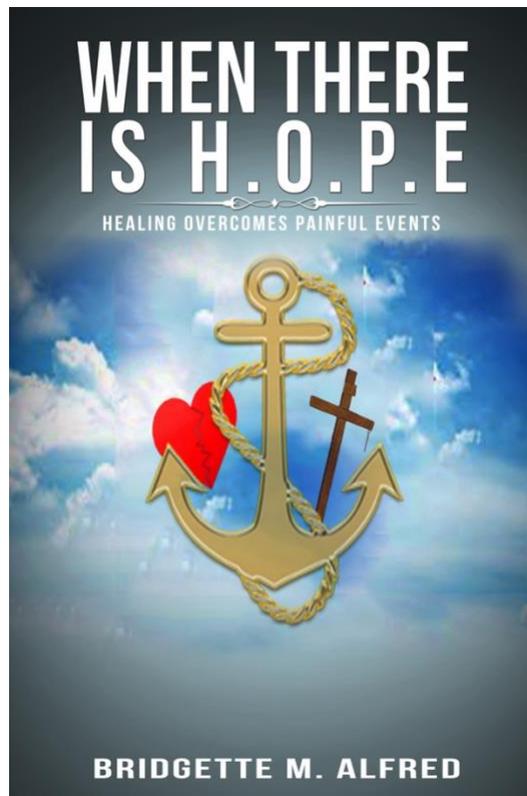


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week Sixteen,
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Derek and Lot

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DEREK AND LOT

Derek found Hope in himself to make life decisions. This excerpt shows that he made those decisions with no consideration for the consequences it would have on his family.

I drove up to the apartment and saw Derek's car there. I thought to myself, *he sure is home early*. I was still thinking about how I was going to tell Derek the news. As I walked through the front door I heard laughter coming from the bedroom.

Voices from the bedroom snapped me out of my daydream. I knew one voice was Derek's. I walked slowly toward the bedroom. I thought *this can't be right*. I recognized the second voice as Eddie's.

My heart was beating so fast. I burst into the bedroom and to my horror, right in front of me was my worst fear. Derek and Eddie were naked in bed together! Derek was startled and turned around toward me. I started feeling sick to my stomach and light-headed.

I ran toward the kitchen and began throwing up in the sink. I don't know if it was from my emotional dilemma or the pregnancy. I stopped throwing up after a couple of minutes. A whole volcano of emotions started boiling up—betrayal, abandonment, numbness, unforgiveness, revenge, and stupidity. For the first time, I really wanted to commit murder.

Derek came out with a robe on and tried to explain. I was so distraught, I didn't hear a thing that he was saying. I slapped his face three times. I had never been violent toward him before. I screamed at him, "Don't come near me!" I ran toward the front door. Eddie was in the hallway with a smirk on his face.

I left the apartment and got in my car with tears flowing. Here I was ecstatic to come home and tell my husband that we were going to have a baby. I knew we had agreed to wait until we graduated from college. I snapped out of me reliving the past few hours when Derek touched my shoulder. I told him again, "Don't touch me." Then I drove away. I didn't call Karen or anyone. I just wanted to be alone.

Reflection: Have you ever received something you desperately wanted but still felt an unsatisfied longing you couldn't identify? If so, please explain:

LOT

Read Genesis 13:5-9

Reflection: Why do you think Lot didn't suggest any solutions for the strife going on?

Read Genesis 13:10-13

Reflection: Do you think Lot was enticed by Sodom?

Reflection: Describe Derek and Lot lives are similar.
