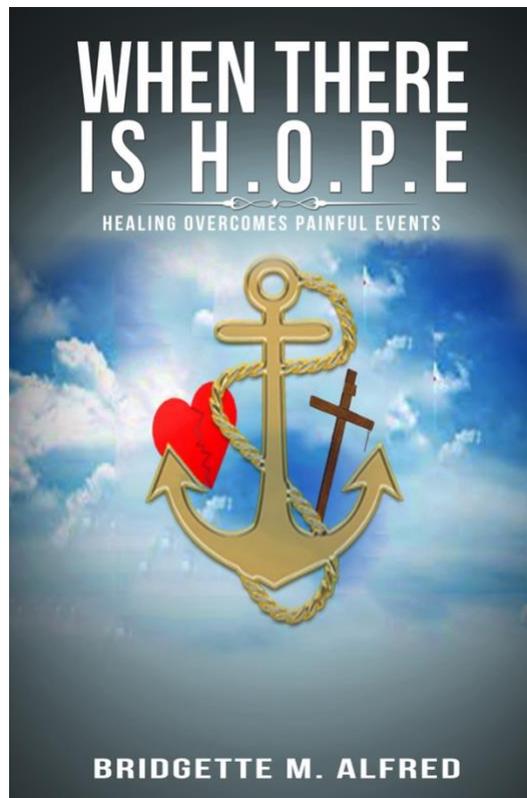


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week
Nineteen, Thursday, October 28, 2021**



Pastor Redding, Elijah, and Elisha

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PASTOR REDDING, ELIJAH, AND ELISHA

Pastor Redding’s Hope was in a lifestyle of seeking God for guidance for his ministry. This excerpt shows that Pastor Redding was a good pastor.

We decided to receive marriage counseling from Pastor Redding. He started our initial meeting with prayer. Pastor Redding stated, “All participants first have to fill out a pre-marital counseling questionnaire. I use the questionnaire to determine the topics to be discussed during the marriage counseling session. The eight-hour session will be on the first Saturday of the next month. We will have two fifteen-minute breaks and a one-hour lunch break.”

Dan and I signed a commitment contract promising that they would be on time and answer all the questions with complete honesty. Pastor Redding also ended the meeting with prayer. He told us once we had completed the questionnaire we could mail it back to him or drop it off at the church office. Dan and I thanked Pastor Redding for his time. Dan took me to my dorm and then he went home.

This survey is designed to help the counselor, Pastor Redding, understand who you are, where you’re at in your current relationship and your view of love and marriage. Some of the questions seemed to be a bit threatening. He had told us, “Please be assured that your answers will be held in strict confidence and will be used to help you establish a more solid foundation for your marriage. This survey will only be useful to the extent that you answer the questions honestly and thoughtfully. Please answer the questions by yourself, without discussing your answers with your proposed partner. May the Lord bless you as you seek to establish a greater understanding and a better knowledge of marriage.”

Reflection: What is far more profound than a man and a woman coming together in a marriage?

ELIJAH

Read 1 Kings 17:13-16

Reflection: Whose faith was tested more in this story, Elijah or the widow?

Read 1 Kings 18:30-39

Reflection: Why do you think it took Elijah's display of God's mighty power for the people to accept Him instead of a false god?

Reflection: Describe how Pastor Redding and Elijah lives are similar.

ELISHA

Read 2 Kings 2:19-22

Reflection: Did the people believed that Elisha was now gifted with the spirit and power of Elijah?

Read 2 Kings 5:8-16

Reflection: Why do you think Elisha had to rebuke the king because he did not consider that God was true in His promise to protect?

Reflection: Describe how Pastor Redding and Elisha lives are similar.
