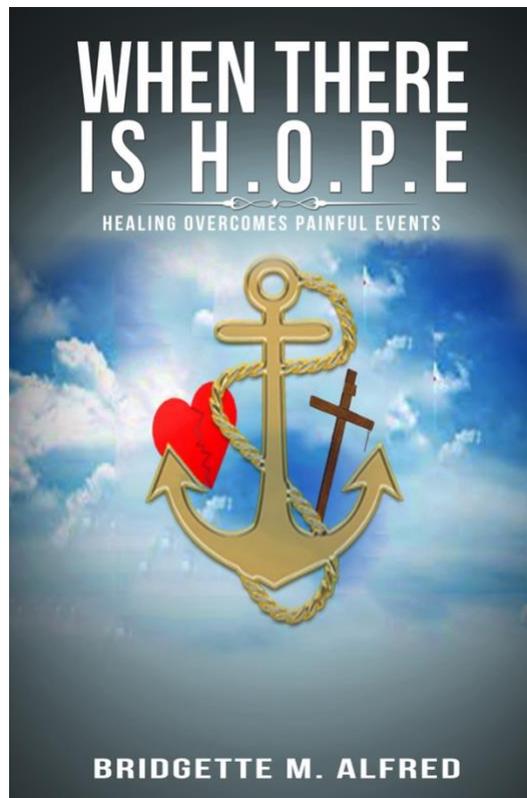


# **When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)**

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week Twenty,  
Thursday, November 4, 2021**



## **Brenda and The Prodigal Son**

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## **BRENDA AND THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Brenda found Hope was in that she could share her healing testimony. This excerpt give the account of her journey from human and sex trafficking to Pastor Redding's ministry to help others.**

Daniella explained that Hope is Here Ministries was founded by Pastor Ronald Redding and their goal was to stop human trafficking by providing awareness and education.

All volunteers are shown an introduction video of Pastor Redding's niece, Brenda. She gives her testimony of being a rebellious teenager who spent a lot of time with Pastor Redding and his wife when she was more than her parents could handle. When she was fifteen years old, she had met an eighteen-year-old boy. He seemed nice but was hiding a serious drug addiction. Soon, he introduced Brenda to drugs, and she began skipping school and staying out late at night.

Her parents sent her to a drug rehabilitation center, but she soon ran away. She would send postcards from different cities telling her parents she was doing okay. Brenda tried other rehab programs and eventually became homeless. Eventually, her drug-addicted boyfriend abandoned her.

She finally found a center that helped her to become drug-free. Once Brenda became sober, she began to notice things that didn't seem right. She and other residents were always moved around to deplorable locations where there were always different faces. Brenda started asking questions but always got vague answers. She had a sense of danger, so one day she pretended to be sick so she wouldn't be moved. Brenda was able to escape and find a payphone to call her parents.

They were able to locate where she was and rescued her. Several months later, they found out that she had been involved with a human trafficking network. Pastor Redding told her that the church had been praying for her safe return.

**Reflection:** Can you think of a few potential disasters from which Christ saved you since your initial experience of salvation?

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## THE PRODIGAL SON

**Read Luke 15:11-16**

**Reflection:** Do you think the story of the prodigal son shows the nature of repentance and the Lord's readiness to welcome back the lost?

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**Read Luke 15:17-24**

**Reflection:** Would you state that the conduct of the prodigal son is a daily occurrence in families?

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**Reflection:** Describe how Brenda Redding and The Prodigal Son lives are similar.

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