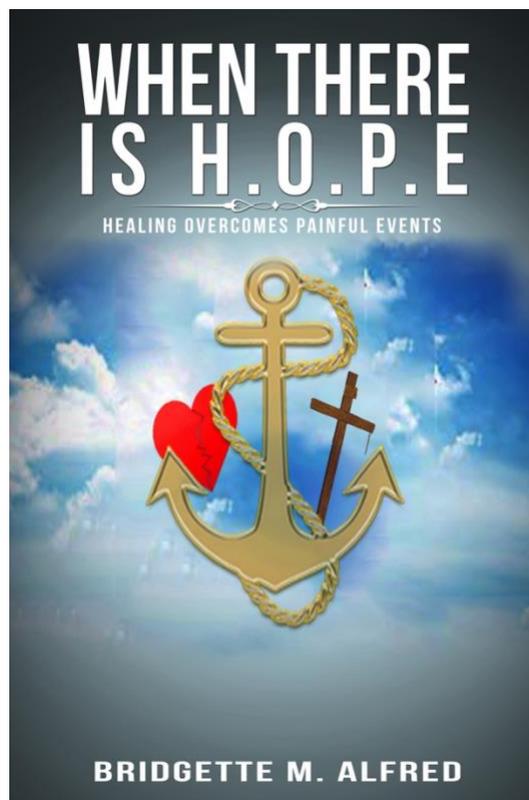


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week Six,
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Andre, Alston, and Ammon

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ANDRE AND ALSTON

Andre and Alston had Hope in obtaining their mother's love and approval. This excerpt is their evil plan of the rape of Raynelle.

After dinner, I happened to be walking behind the twins and their mother as they went up the stairs. She told the twins, "That little know it all and her mother have stolen everything that is rightfully yours."

"What is that, mother?" The twins asked.

"Your father's love," she answered. "I should be married to your father and I am going to get him back." She had delusions that my father still had feelings for her after all these years.

"Alston and Andre, you must put Daddy's little genius in her place. You do whatever you need to crush Raynelle's little heart."

"We will do anything to please you mother," they replied.

How can you feel so threatened by an eight-year-old girl? Unloved and unwanted children often become delinquents of society.

After my father and brothers finished playing, it was suggested to the boys that they take me around to show me the area. I could see that it was the last thing they wanted to do.

Andre whined, "Why can't we show you around too father?"

"Your mother and I have to take care of some final plans for your party," Papa's replied. That changed their mood.

As we left the house, Ms. Duplantier reminded them about their conversation the night before. Andre and Alston started treating me better once their mother spoke to them. They showed me their school and their favorite place to play. We played on the playground for a few hours.

"We have one last place to show you," Andre said. "You want to see where our father used to work?"

“Yes, I would like that,” I said. We rode a streetcar down to the French Quarter. They took me inside an old abandoned warehouse on the docks. All I could smell was rotten fish. Then Andre threw me down and they both grabbed an arm to hold me down. Out of the dark came two other boys.

The biggest one pulled my dress up and tore my underwear off. I started screaming. The big boy yelled at Alston to shut me up. He saw an old dirty rag and shoved it in my mouth. I could taste fish and dirt. I thought I was going to throw up. Then I felt this terrible pain between my legs. He was so heavy on top of me. I could hardly breathe. Then he got up and the other one got on top of me. He was not as heavy but he smelled like rotten garbage.

Reflection: Why do you think Andre and Alston turned out so differently from their father?

AMMON

Read 2 Samuel 13:1-22

Reflection: Do you think the sins of Amnon can be traced back to his father, King David?

Reflection: Describe how Andre, Alston and Amnon lives are similar.

HERODIAS

Read Matthew 14:3-11

Reflection: Do you think Herodias knew Herod well enough for her evil plan to work?

Read Mark 6:17-28

Reflection: Do you think Herodias would had tolerated John if she weren't convicted by her sin?

Reflection: Describe how Gwendolyn and Herodias lives are similar.
