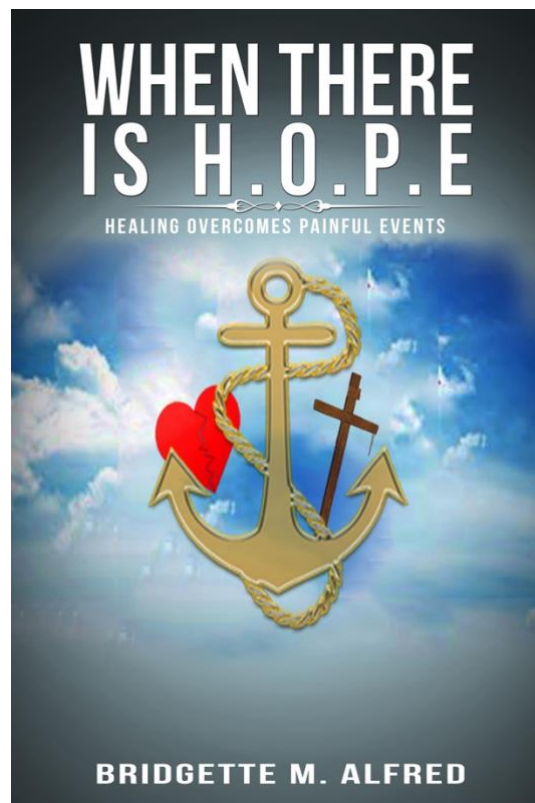


When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week Nine,
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Uncle James and Mordecai

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UNCLE JAMES AND MORDECAI

Uncle James had Hope in Joseph making the right choices for the future. This excerpt displays Uncle James love for Joseph.

My father went to live with Uncle James in New Orleans, who didn't have any children.

Uncle James wanted someone to eventually take over his shrimp farming business. He was married once but was divorced because his wife ran off with his business partner.

My father explained that Uncle James talked a lot also and gave me advice while growing up. He said he followed most of his advice until the summer after his twenty-first birthday. This was the year he started playing at the House of Jazz. Uncle James continually reminded my father, *Son, those girls down at that club are nothing but trouble. Don't ever fall for any girl who would throw herself at you. Look for a good girl with integrity and self-respect who will allow you to pursue her.* My father continued telling Uncle Claude about his first encounter with Ms. Duplantier.

Reflection: What might be a right reason or attitude for looking back at family history?

MORDECAI

Read Esther 2:5-7

Reflection: Can you imagine the torment Mordecai had when Esther was forced from his care?

Read Esther 4:12-17

Reflection: Do you think Mordecai was showing faith when he told Esther with or without her God's providence would come?

Reflection: Describe how Uncle Claude and Abraham lives are similar.
