



ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Judith

Courage and deliverance in a threatened community

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The big picture

Judith tells of a community under military threat and a widow who acts when its leaders have lost courage. Prayer, resolve, and a dramatic reversal shape the story. Its unusual historical setting calls for attention to literary purpose rather than a quick identification with modern conflicts. Judith's agency challenges assumptions about who can act decisively.

Reading to explore

Judith 8-9; 13-16

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Live it

- 01 Listen to a voice your community may overlook.
- 02 Pair prayer about a difficult situation with responsible action.
- 03 Ask what courage would look like without copying ancient violence.

Pause & reflect

Whose wisdom have I underestimated because of their social position?

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