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# HIDDEN GEMS



## Hidden GEMS

GREAT STORIES. GREAT MESSAGES.

DEVOTION GUIDE

30 DAYS IN RUTH, ESTHER, AND HOSEA  
ENGAGING IN SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JASPER, ALABAMA

JUNE 1-30, 2018

## Introduction

**“Hidden Gems. Great Stories. Great Messages.”** is a devotion guide designed to spend the time during the month of June reading and studying three books in the Old Testament which I believe have timely truths contained in them. Ruth, Esther, and Hosea are books we don't spend much time in but they pack a powerful punch. Each one is a story of love, commitment, and obedience. They are moving stories filled with many themes, laced with drama and unexpected storylines.

A mother left with nobody but daughter-in-laws, a Jewish lady who becomes queen of a foreign nation, and a husband who does the unthinkable. These are the main characters we will follow and discover amazing people doing remarkable things only God could orchestrate.

We will read these three Old Testament classics in twenty-six days, Monday through Saturday, beginning Friday, June 1, through Saturday, June 30. Sunday will be spent focusing on worship and prayer.

Our prayer focus during the month of June will be church leaders. Each day I will suggest a certain church leader or leaders to pray for, from pastors to Sunday School teachers to custodial staff. If you are following along in the guide and want to add to the list do not hesitate to do so.

My daily emailed devotions will come from a selected verse or two from each day's reading and will include some thoughts about the verses. If you are not currently receiving my daily devotion email me at [abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com](mailto:abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com) and I will add you.

As we read Ruth, Esther and Hosea together, my prayer is you will capture a glimpse of the unconditional nature of who God is. We will discover his unconditional love and forgiveness manifested through the stories in various ways. Enjoy. And grow deeper in faith.

ALAN H. BEASLEY, SENIOR PASTOR

So LET'S BEGIN . . .

### Day 1 - Friday, June 1

Scripture - Ruth 1  
Prayer Focus - Senior Pastor

### Day 2 - Saturday, June 2

Scripture - Ruth 2  
Prayer Focus - Associate Pastor(s)

### Day 3 - Sunday, June 3

Worship with the family of God.  
Prayer Focus - Worship service you will attend.

### Day 4 - Monday, June 4

Scripture - Ruth 3  
Prayer Focus - Children's Pastor(s)

### Day 5 - Tuesday, June 5

Scripture - Ruth 4  
Prayer Focus - Student Pastor(s)

### Day 6 - Wednesday, June 6

Scripture - Esther 1  
Prayer Focus - Administrative Staff

### Day 7 - Thursday, June 7

Scripture - Esther 2  
Prayer Focus - Worship Leaders

**Day 8 - Friday, June 8**

Scripture - Esther 3  
Prayer Focus - Musicians

**Day 9 - Saturday, June 9**

Scripture - Esther 4  
Prayer Focus - Choir members

**Day 10 - Sunday, June 10**

Worship with the family of God.  
Prayer Focus - Worship service you will attend.

**Day 11 - Monday, June 11**

Scripture - Esther 5  
Prayer Focus - Ushers and Greeters

**Day 12 - Tuesday, June 12**

Scripture - Esther 6  
Prayer Focus - Worship volunteers

**Day 13 - Wednesday, June 13**

Scripture - Esther 7  
Prayer Focus - Media personnel

**Day 14 - Thursday, June 14**

Scripture - Esther 8  
Prayer Focus - Custodial staff

**Day 15 - Friday, June 15**

Scripture - Esther 9-10  
Prayer Focus - Sunday School Teachers

**Day 16 - Saturday, June 16**

Scripture - Hosea 1  
Prayer Focus - Youth volunteers

**Day 17 - Sunday, June 17**

Worship with the family of God.  
Prayer Focus - Worship service you will attend.

**Day 18 - Monday, June 18**

Scripture - Hosea 2  
Prayer Focus - Interns

**Day 19 - Tuesday, June 19**

Scripture - Hosea 3  
Prayer Focus - Children's volunteers

**Day 20 - Wednesday, June 20**

Scripture - Hosea 4  
Prayer Focus - Adult volunteers

**Day 21 - Thursday, June 21**

Scripture - Hosea 5-6  
Prayer Focus - Nursery workers

**Day 22 - Friday, June 22**

Scripture - Hosea 7  
Prayer Focus - Preschool workers

**Day 23 - Saturday, June 23**

Scripture - Hosea 8  
Prayer Focus - Vacation Bible School volunteers

**Day 24 - Sunday, June 24**

Worship with the family of God.  
Prayer Focus - Worship service you will attend.

**Day 25 - Monday, June 25**

Scripture - Hosea 9  
Prayer Focus - Kitchen staff and volunteers

**Day 26 - Tuesday, June 26**

Scripture - Hosea 10  
Prayer Focus - Chairperson of committees

**Day 27 - Wednesday, June 27**

Scripture - Hosea 11  
Prayer Focus - Church committees

**Day 28 - Thursday, June 28**

Scripture - Hosea 12  
Prayer Focus - Hospitality volunteers

**Day 29 - Friday, June 29**

Scripture - Hosea 13  
Prayer Focus - Servant volunteers

**Day 30 - Saturday, June 30**

Scripture - Hosea 14  
Prayer Focus - Anyone else who leads in the church