



The **POWER**
of **Prayer**
and **Fasting**

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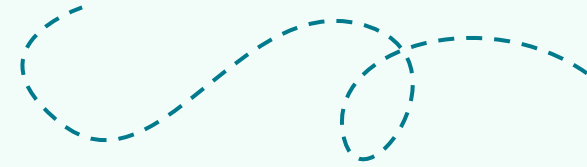


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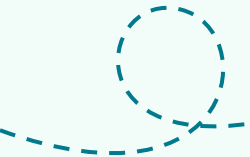
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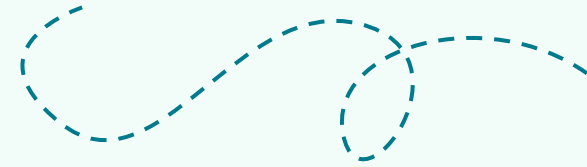




Queen Vashti refused to come to the King's party

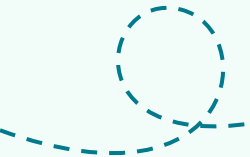
CHAPTER ONE





Esther who was a Jewish maiden became queen

CHAPTER TWO

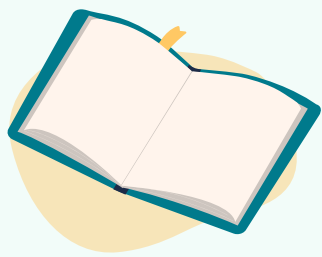


Esther 2:15 & 17

Esther won the favour of everyone who saw her.

The king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favour and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.





Proverbs 21:1



- ● The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases.







Ezra 1:1



In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm.



But Esther had kept secret her family background and nationality just as Mordecai had told her to do, for she continued to follow Mordecai's instructions as she had done when he was bringing her up.



Esther 2:21

During the time Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, became angry and conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.



Esther 2:22

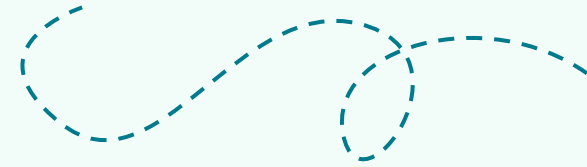
But Mordecai found out about the plot and told Queen Esther, who in turn reported it to the king, giving credit to Mordecai.



Esther 2:23

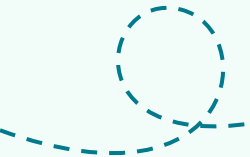
And when the report was investigated and found to be true, the two officials were impaled on poles. All this was recorded in the book of the annals in the presence of the king.

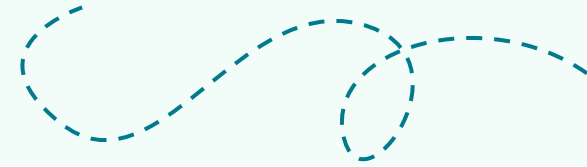




Mordecai refuses to kneel and bow down

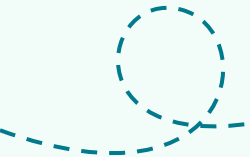
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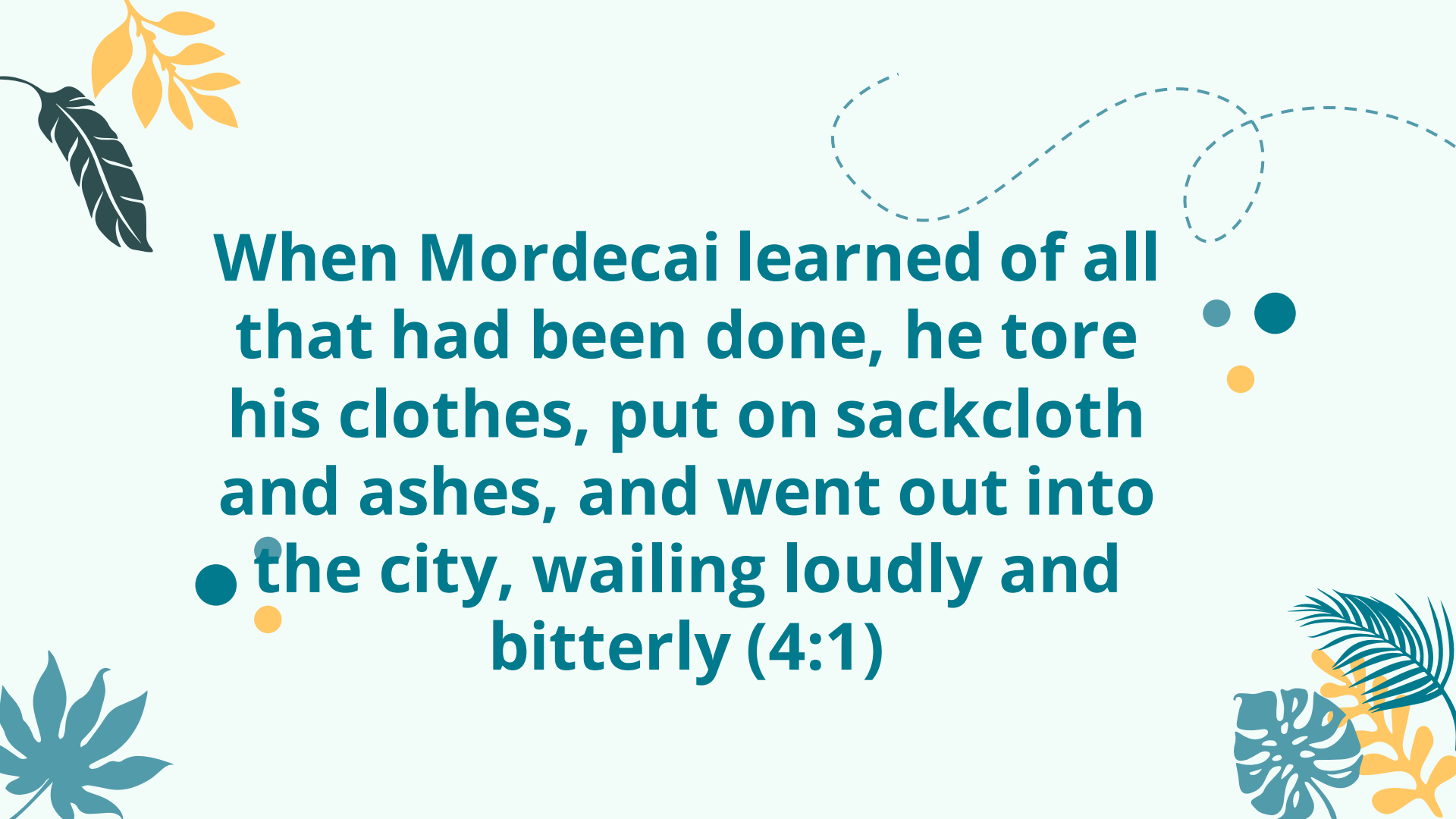




The plot to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews.

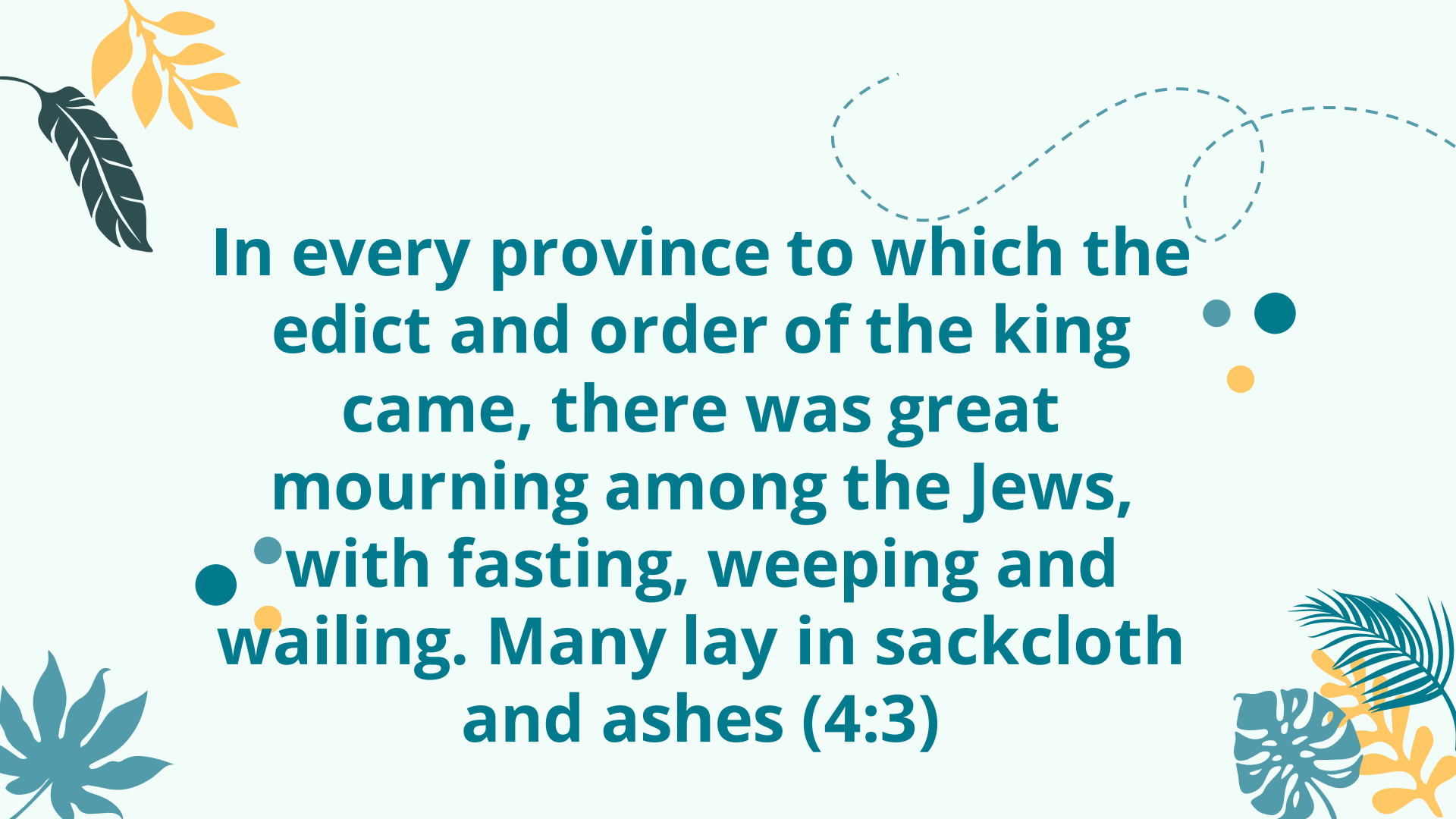
CHAPTER FOUR





When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into

- **the city, wailing loudly and bitterly (4:1)**

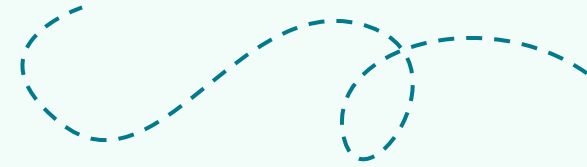


In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes (4:3)

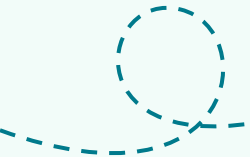


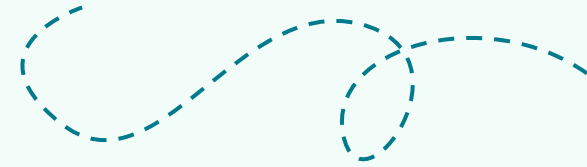
He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people (4:8)



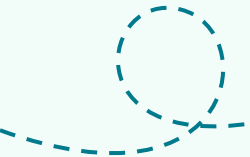


“All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.” (4:11)





he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. (4:13-14)

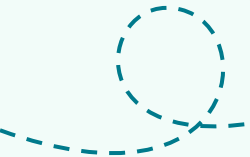


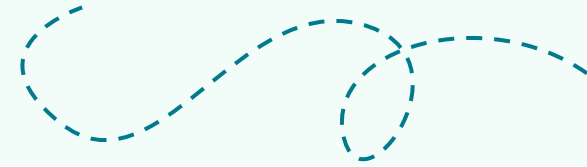
**And who knows but that you
have come to your royal
position for such a time as
this?” (4:14)**





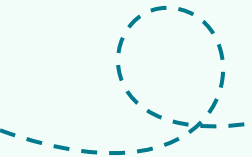
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The king discovered that Mordecai saved his life

CHAPTER SIX





● That night the king could not sleep; so
● he ordered the book of the chronicles,
the record of his reign, to be brought in
and read to him. It was found recorded
there that Mordecai had exposed
Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's
officers who guarded the doorway, who
had conspired to assassinate King
Xerxes (6:1-2)





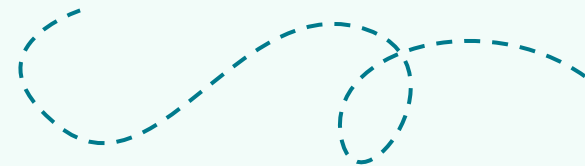
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● “What honour and recognition has Mordecai received for this?” the king asked. “Nothing has been done for him,” his attendants answered. The king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him. (6:3-4)





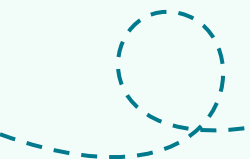
5 His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court." "Bring him in," the king ordered. 6 When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honour?" (6:5-6)

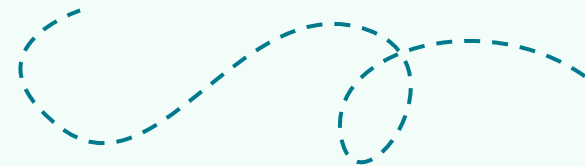




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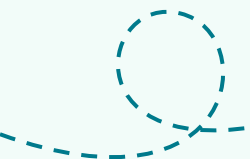
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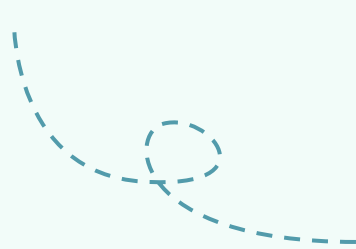
Esther 8:17

In every province and in every city to which the edict of the king came, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating.



Esther 9:1

On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.



Esther 9:4

**Mordecai was prominent in the palace;
his reputation spread throughout the
provinces, and he became more and
more powerful.**



Esther 10:3

Mordecai became second in rank to King Xerxes and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.



**Be clear and intentional in
your prayer and fasting**



**Prayer and fasting is often
needed in times of crisis**

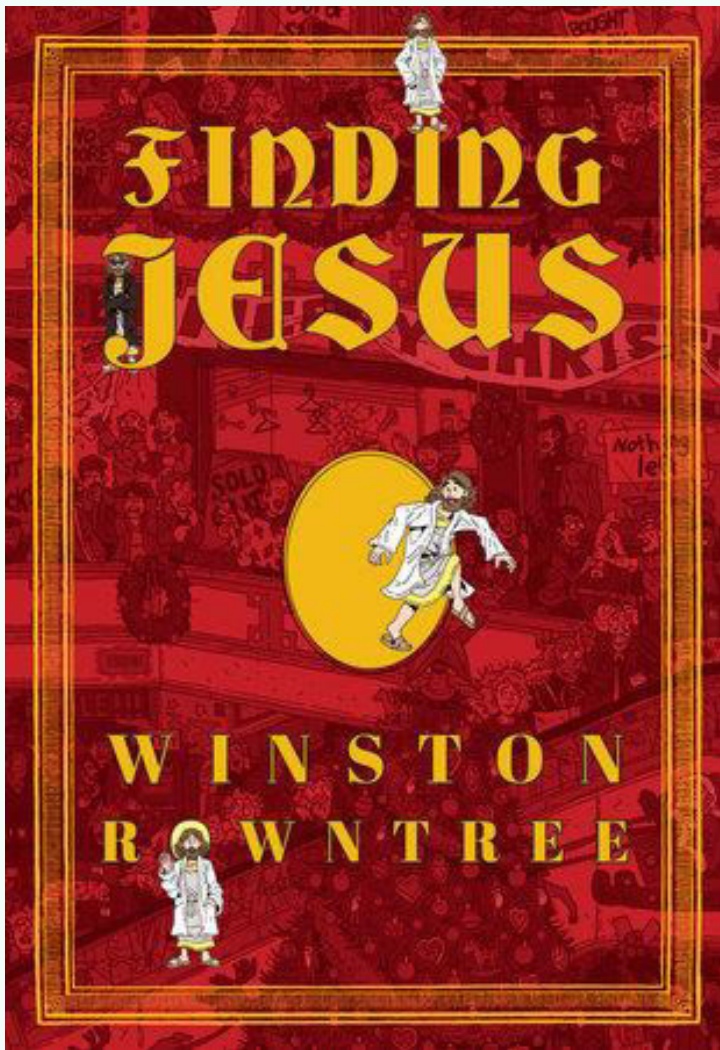
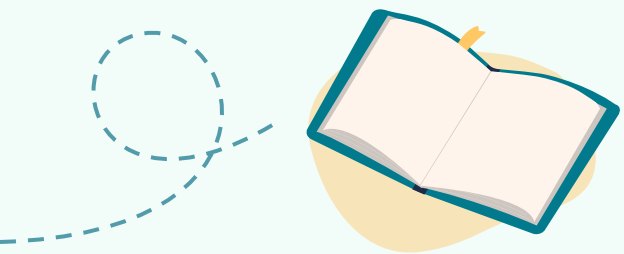


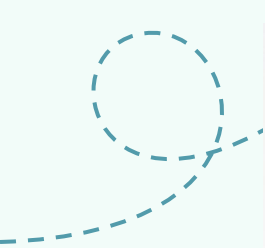
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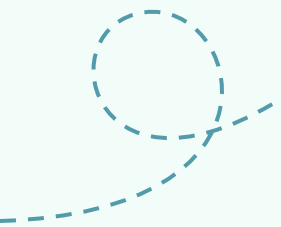


**Don't go out without
winning it in the war room**











**Your prayer and fasting can
change the course of
history**

