

GIVING THE RIGHT RESPONSE*
(What's learned from obedience or suffering? Choices have consequences!)

<u>Bible Character</u>	<u>The Situation</u>	<u>The Response*</u>	<u>The Result</u>	<u>Life Applicati</u>
JOB Job 19:25-27; 42:1-6	After Job's testings, his ideas changed about suffering, sin, the Lord, and God's purposes.	I know my Redeemer lives, and on the earth He again shall stand.	Humility replaced Job's pride; his suffering ended. All he lost was redeemed.	
ABRAHAM Gen. 12:1-5; 17:1-9; 22:8-13	Abraham was called to leave home, land, and pagan religion to worship God in a new land.	I will go forth as the Lord has directed me.	Obedience and faith brought God's blessings to all Abraham's seed.	
JACOB Gen. 28:11-22; 32:24-30	Sin caused Jacob to run away in fear. Meeting God, Jacob got a new name, new character, and a new kind of response.	The Lord shall be my God, and I will give Him tithes of all that I possess.	Jacob's sons inherited the Promised Land and became God's leaders of Israel's 12 tribes.	
TAMAR Gen. 38:11-26; Matt. 1:3-6; Acts 13:22-23	Judah's daughter-in-law sinned to get what was hers by right. She was Christ's foremother.	Discern whose these things are—signet ring, bracelets, and staff.	Tamar's <i>desire</i> (destiny) was in God's will, but her <i>methods</i> were not.	
JUDAH Gen. 37:26-35, 44:14, 30-34; 45:1-5	Judah, who sold his brother into slavery, repents and pleads to be Joseph's slave.	God has found out our iniquity. Let me be my lord's bondman.	Where there is true repentance, forgiveness and mercy follow.	
JOSEPH Gen. 37:5-11; 45:1-11	Joseph's brothers inflicted injustices, but Joseph forgave them. God took Joseph from slavery and prison to rulership.	You meant evil, but God meant it for good. He sent me here to preserve your lives.	Joseph ruled in Egypt; hunger ended; a family was united; and Joseph's enemies received mercy.	
BALAAAM	A prophet for profit, Balaam tried to obey both God and a wicked king using incentives.	I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God to do less or more.	A donkey acted like a prophet when a prophet was acting like an ass.	
JOSHUA	After Moses, Joshua led Jews to choose right responses in God's Promised Land.	Whom will you serve? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.	Obedient faith made Joshua victorious in conquering Canaan and leading Israel.	
DEBORAH	Judge Deborah urged Israel to fight against powerful Canaan. She agreed to lead God's army.	Surely I will go with you. Sing! Praise the Lord for He has rescued Israel.	A woman marched before a weak army. God rewarded faith with a miracle victory.	
RUTH	Ruth left pagan Moab to embrace her mother-in-law and the Jewish faith's true God.	All you say unto me, I will do.	Christ's lineage is traced back to obedient Ruth, King David's grandmother.	
SAMUEL	Before birth, Samuel was given to God. As a boy, he aided priest Eli and became God's prophet.	Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.	Because Samuel heeded God, he became judge, priest, and first of future great prophets.	
DAVID	David, shepherd-poet, rose to become God's warrior-king.	I delight to do God's will. His law is in my heart.	Despite his sins, David's throne will be Messiah's.	
ISAIAH	During temple worship, Isaiah replied to God's question, "Who will go for us?"	Here am I. Send me.	Isaiah answered God's call. A major prophet, He foretold Christ's birth, life, and death.	