



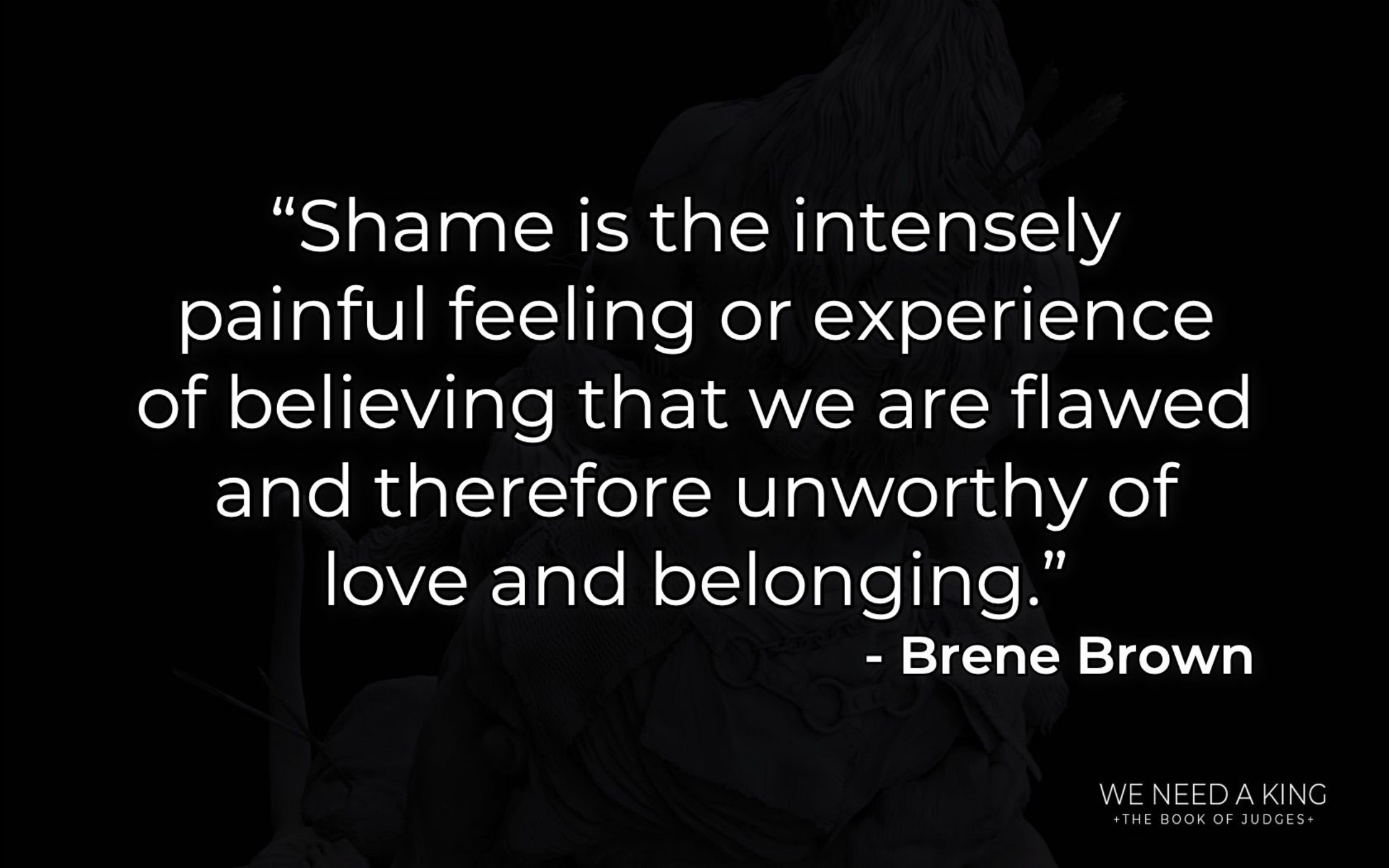
WE NEED A KING

+THE BOOK OF JUDGES+

Part Two : Ehud

We Need a King : Ehud

A left handed man.



“Shame is the intensely
painful feeling or experience
of believing that we are flawed
and therefore unworthy of
love and belonging.”

- Brene Brown

We Need a King : Ehud

Your perceived weakness is
God's opportunity.

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Availability is more important
than ability.

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unexpected victory



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sound the trumpet

Judges 21:25 (ESV)

²⁵In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Joshua 24:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Judges 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:12 (ESV)

¹² And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger.

2 Peter 1:9 (ESV)

⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

¹² And the people of Israel **again did what was evil** in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹³ He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. ¹⁴ And the people of Israel **served** Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

¹⁵ Then the people of Israel **cried out to the LORD,**

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

and the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, **a left-handed man**. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. ¹⁶ And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. ¹⁷ And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. ¹⁸ And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute.

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

¹⁹ But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. ²⁰ And Ehud came to him as **he was sitting alone** in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. ²¹ And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. ²² And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade,

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out.²³ Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

²⁴When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, “Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber.”²⁵ And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber,

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor.

²⁶Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. ²⁷When he arrived, **he sounded the trumpet** in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. ²⁸And he said to them, “Follow after me, for **the LORD** has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand.”

Judges 3:12-30 (ESV)

So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over.²⁹ And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped.³⁰ So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

1 Corinthians 1:26-28 (ESV)

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

Isaiah 53:2 (ESV)

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at
him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.