



HEROES
OF HOPE

Ebed-Melech
Jeremiah 38:4-13

1. Ebed allowed himself to hear and see injustice.

Jer. 38:7-9 When Ebed-melech ..., heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern-- the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate-- 8 Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 9 "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there ..."

2. Ebed
overcame his
fears by
taking action.

Jer. 38:8-9 Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 9 "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." (ESV)

3. Ebed acted with compassion to someone everyone else despised.

Jer. 38:11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went to the house of the king, to a wardrobe in the storehouse, and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes, which he let down to Jeremiah in the cistern by ropes. 12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put the rags and clothes between your armpits and the ropes." Jeremiah did so.