

Daniel

Daniel 6:1-28, Matthew 10:11-20

Daniel, as a Jew, was in exile along with most of Israel. He became known as a wise advisor of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, having interpreted one of the king's dreams. Daniel was subject to the jealousy of the other advisors to the king. Despite being in exile, despite the destruction of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, worshipping him daily. He stands up for faith in God in the face of adversity and opposition.

Hosea

Hosea 3:1-5, Romans 5:1-11

See Hosea chs 1-3

Hosea is called by God to love his wife despite her rebellion and adultery, as God continues to love his people, the people of Israel, despite their rebellion against Him.

We, too are justified by God through Jesus Christ despite our rebellion.

Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2:2, 2:9-3:3a, John 15:9-17

Jonah called by God to do a particular task. He disobeys God, not doing as he was called to do. Jonah realises his mistake, owns up to it, repents and God saves him. Jonah goes on to do what he has been called to do.

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