

**“Pawn or Knight?”**

**2/7/21**

Pawn: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Knight: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Both: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jeremiah 25:1-14**

*“...and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon...”* (vs. 9)

\_\_\_\_\_ are “pawns” of The King.

\_\_\_\_\_ are “knights” of The King.

\_\_\_\_\_ used VS. \_\_\_\_\_ used.

**Takin’ it “to-go”: Joshua 24:15**

**HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT**  
**Sunday, February 7, 2021: “Pawn or Knight?” – Jeremiah 25:1-14**

**Thinking about it:** (*Black History Month inspiration*)

Mary Elizabeth Bowser grew up as a slave owned by the John Van Lew family. John’s daughter, Elizabeth grew to be a secret abolitionist. After John died, Elizabeth freed Mary E. and paid for her to get a higher education in the North. Mary E. returned from schooling to be a paid servant of Ms. Van Lew. They lived near the Confederate “White House” where Jefferson Davis lived and led the Confederacy. Ms. Van Lew and Mary Elizabeth became very high value spies for the Union. Ms. Van Lew recommended Mary Elizabeth as a house slave to Jefferson Davis and she was selected. The highly educated and freed Mary Elizabeth Bowser willingly lived posing as an illiterate slave. Jefferson Davis and his officers, duped into believing that she could not read nor understand their high-level conversations, carried on high-level strategic conversations in her presence and left sensitive documents out where she could see them. She would pass information on to Ms. Van Lew which would then get passed to General Ulysses S. Grant of the Union. General Grant wrote in his memoirs of some of the most important information used in the war’s ultimate victory as having come from Mary Elizabeth Bowser and Elizabeth Van Lew.

Why do you think Mary Elizabeth was willing to return to the home where she was a slave and continue to serve Ms. Von Lew?

What do you think motivated Mary Elizabeth to live as a slave to Jefferson Davis, the figurehead of the pro-slavery confederacy?

Would you say she truly was a slave of Jefferson Davis or Ms. Von Lew? If not, what would you say she was a “slave” to?

**Read: Romans 6:1-23**

**As Bob Dylan’s song, “Gotta Serve Somebody” says,**

Indeed you're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

- What are all the differences you can think of for a person choosing to be a slave to sin or a slave to righteousness?

**PRAY:** *Thank God that he has freed you, and calls you to serve His purpose rather than the purpose of the devil. “Choose you this day whom you will serve” and do it!*

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Pawn: **"A person unwittingly used in a scheme"**

Knight: **"The professional soldier of medieval times"**

Both: **Serve the purpose/plans of another**

**Jeremiah 25:1-14**

*"...and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon..."* (vs. 9)

**Godless kings** are "pawns" of The King.

**Godly servants** are "knights" of The King.

**BEING** used VS. **GETTING** used.

**Takin' it "to-go"**: **Joshua 24:15** *"...if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*