

## Chapter 11

Judith was very clever when she spoke to Holofernes. She told him that the Jews would be abandoned by God if they broke God's laws.

She said that the Jews planned to break God's laws in a few days by eating consecrated foods.

She said she would monitor the situation each day and let Holofernes know when the Jews were abandoned by God and ready to be attacked by Holofernes.

Judith's words and beauty won over Holofernes and his staff and they agreed to her suggestions.

Dear God, please give us wisdom and tack  
for dealing with difficult people

## Chapter 12

Holofernes allowed Judith and her maid to stay in a special tent each night, and each morning to go to a spring near Bethulia to wash and pray.

After 3 days, Holofernes held a banquet for his staff. He invited Judith to the banquet with the aim of seducing her.

Holofernes was so captivated by Judith's beauty that he kept on drinking wine until he was drunk.

All the while Judith kept praying to God for strength and help.

Dear God, please give me  
a bit more of Judith's faith and courage