Different people make different decisions, which is the main determinant for changes in the world. That is why it is hard to predict the future because it is difficult to figure out how people would act. This idea is something that writers always keep in mind, so they create different characters which are motivated and driven by various stimuli. Thus, these characters often commit haphazard actions which lead to various consequences. These consequences can influence other people which can be seen with Hamlet and Ophelia, and Goodman Brown and Faith.

Just as Hamlet and Brown fall into darkness and solitude, Ophelia and Faith fall under pressure from their beloved ones. Two women love and devote their lives for their beloved men. The fact that men are unable to trust them determines the conflict. In the end, there is no more love between the characters, but coldness and hatred.

Analyzing Ophelia and Faith, the reader can see many similarities between the two characters. These two women try to be helpful and kind to their men; similarly, they both fail to protect and stop men from taking dark paths in their lives. Ophelia seems to be exhausted morally. She feels helpless and unprotected because of Hamlet’s words and father’s manipulation. She seems to be very weak, and needs somebody strong to hold on to. Faith, on the other hand, is strong. She supports her husband who holds on to her. Nevertheless, he is the one who is not strong enough to remain faithful.

Both women are betrayed, but Ophelia is the one who cannot overcome this betrayal. She loses herself and dies, unable to cope with the pressure and pain. On the other hand, it is difficult to see whether Faith is aware of betrayal; thus, her feelings are unclear. Both women struggle to keep their happiness and to remain with men they love, but men are unable to meet these expectations.
Thus, women are left by themselves. Ophelia, torn and devastated, finds no better way than to take away her life. Faith, misunderstood by her husband, tries to hold on to the things they had.

It can be seen that these two women are similar. They both are victims of dark manipulation, and they are unable to act freely. On the other hand, Ophelia feels more pressure than Faith, which is why she sees no point in living. The sadness and sorrow occupy both stories, and make readers see how different decisions can ruin people’s lives.