

Born for **THIS!**

Esther 4
Mother's Day 2021

Esther **ANGUISHED** over her people's predicament vs. 4

- Her response was appropriate for her **POSITION**
- She took the **PLIGHT** of her people to heart

Esther wants to be **ACCURATELY** informed vs. 5-9

- She wants to know the true '**WHATS**' and '**WHYS**'
- Accuracy = exact **DETAILS**, exact **PROOF**, exact requested **RESPONSE**

Esther measures the **COST** of her personal involvement

vs. 10-14

- She knows the potential **PRICE** she could pay
- She is reminded of **GOD'S** place in a crisis

Esther makes a **COURAGEOUS** decision supported by prayer

vs. 15-17

- She asks for **PRAYER** and **FASTING** on her behalf
- She **RESOLVED** to take a huge leap of faith

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Life Group Discussion Questions – May 9, 2021

Esther 4:14 *For if you keep silent at this time, liberation and rescue will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?*

DISCOVER (read Esther 4)

1. What did Mordecai do on learning of Haman's plan? Why did he go to the midst of the city and as far as the king's gate? What did Mordecai bring with him to validate his response?
2. Why was Esther hesitant to go before the king? Was she thinking that Mordecai was overreacting? Why or why not?
3. What was the purpose of the three-day fast that Esther decreed over all the Jews in Susa? What would her staff think of this fast? What do you think would have happened if there had been no fast?

EXPLORE

1. One of the lessons we can take away from reading the Book of Esther is that God watches over His people. Though the name of God is never mentioned, His presence is obvious. How can you corroborate that last statement?
2. Read Genesis 16:1-16. Compare and contrast Hagar and Esther. In light of Romans 13:1-2, what can you deduce about the concluding, eventual welfares of each woman?

EXPERIENCE

1. In what ways do you remember your mother protecting you? How is raising children today different than when you were a kid? How can moms protect their children from the threat of our contemporary culture? What, exactly, is the threat?
2. In what ways can you see that the Lord has placed you exactly where He wants you? What gifts has God given you that you can use to grow His kingdom?
3. What were some of the wise sayings your mother would repeat, trying to instill these pearls of wisdom in you? What does this say about her attitude and discernment? Was she aware of her personal strengths and gifts?

PRAY/ACTION

Pray... Thank You, Father, that You use ordinary and unlikely people to do extraordinary things. Forgive me when I let indecision cripple me; for when I fail to stand courageously and obediently for what is right and just. Please guide me and show me what issues I need to take a stand on. I want to be willing to give up my pride, my reputation, and even my life for You and for the gospel.

Action... Honor the mothers in your life today by giving in to God and letting them see one of their prayers answered.