November 24th, 2022

## Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in this reading of His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Esther 4 straight through, as you would any book. You can read on, but for this study week we will concentrate on this Chapter.

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Questions:	
1.	In <b>V1-3</b> , describe the response of Mordecai and of the Jews to Haman's edict.
2.	What do you think was the significance of putting on sackcloth and ashes?
3.	What was Esther's next action (V5)?
4.	a) What information did Mordecai give to the servant in <b>V7-8</b> ?
	b) What two things did Mordecai ask Esther to do when she went to the King?
5. not go	In <b>V9-11</b> , what was Esther's initial reaction to Mordecai's request and her reason for ing before the King?

6. Share about a time in your life when you hesitated to do the right thing because of fear (perhaps fear of rejection, consequences or sacrifices required).
7. What bigger picture did Mordecai give to Esther in his response in <b>V13-14</b> ?
8. a) Explain Mordecai's statement in <b>V14</b> : "And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"
b) Do we always know what purpose God may have for putting us in a certain position or situation? Expand on this by using an example from your own life.
9. What impresses you about Esther's reply to Mordecai in <b>V16</b> ?
10. Recall an instance in your life where obeying God meant taking a risk. How did you feel? What did you pray? <b>OR</b> Think of a present situation in which God has placed you to do His will. What risks do you face in doing the right thing?
For Possible Reflection: Focus verse: / prayer / quote