

Esther's Request to the King - Esther 5:1-14

Topics: Abundance, Accomplishments, Affirmation, Approval, Composure, Courage, Danger, Ego, Generosity, Greed, Help, Invitation, Materialism, Needs, Patience, Plans, Pleasure, Preparation, Priorities, Questions, Risk, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. What things are most valued and sought after by many people these days?
- 2. Why do you think people strive after money and power when those things do not bring true happiness?
- 3. What brings you the most satisfaction in life?

Explore It

- 4. Why did Esther approach the king uninvited? (5:1)
- 5. How did the king react to Queen Esther's presence in his court? (5:2)
- 6. Of what significance is the fact that the king held out his golden scepter? (5:2)
- * 7. What did the king offer to Esther? (5:3)
- 8. What did Queen Esther ask of the king? (5:4)
- 9. How does the tension and suspense in the story build? (5:4-8)
- 10. What infuriated Haman after he attended Esther's banquet? (5:9)
- 11. Why was Haman most proud? (5:10-13)
- * 12. What do we learn about Haman at this point? (5:11)
- * 13. What kept Haman from enjoying all of his success and wealth? (5:13)
- 14. What advice did Haman's wife and friends give him? (5:14)
- 15. How did Haman feel about his friends' advice? (5:14)
- 16. Why did Haman build gallows? (5:14)

Get It

- 17. What risks did Esther take when she approached the king?
- 18. What does the king's generosity reveal about Esther's character?
- 19. How is Esther a good example to us today?
- 20. What do you admire about Esther?
- 21. What do you find repulsive about Haman?
- 22. What can we learn from the negative example of Haman?
- * 23. What character traits of Haman should we be careful to avoid?
- 24. What does this passage reveal about wealth, power, and happiness?
- 25. Why was Haman not satisfied?
- * 26. How have you seen pride hurt your relationship with the Lord or others?
- 27. How can Christians guard against the sin of pride?

Apply It

- * 28. What can you do today to restore any relationship damaged by pride?
- 29. What is one way you can place your focus on serving God and off of getting money and influencing others?