

Character Builder

Message Notes

Esther: A Picture of Boldness

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Memory Verse:

*“The wicked run away when no one is chasing them,
but the godly are as bold as lions.”*

– Proverbs 28:1 (NLT)

“Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?” – Esther 4:14 (NLT)

TO ILLUSTRATE HOLY BOLDNESS IN THE PORTRAIT OF MY LIFE, I MUST...

- **B** _____ TO STEP INTO _____.

“Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king’s eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her. ... The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.” – Esther 2:15, 17

“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take..” – Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb...” – Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

- **O** _____ TO WHAT _____.

“‘If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed’ ... And the king said to Haman, ‘The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you.’” – Esther 3:9, 11

“When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. He went as far as the front of the king’s gate, for no one might enter the king’s gate clothed with sackcloth. ... So Esther’s maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept them.” – Esther 4:1-2, 4

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” – Ezekiel 36:25

- **L _____ TO _____ FROM _____ & _____.**

“Then Esther called Hathach, one of the king’s eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this was ... And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him ... So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai.” – Esther 4:5, 7, 9

“And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: ‘Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’” – Esther 4:13-14

“Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: ‘Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise’” – Esther 4:15-16

“Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life. You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.” – Proverbs 19:20-21 (NLT)

- **D _____, TRUSTING _____ WITH _____.**

“And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!” – Esther 4:16

“Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, across from the king’s house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house. So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. And the king said to her, ‘What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!’” – Esther 5:1-3

“On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.” – Esther 8:1-2

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.” – Psalm 37:4-5 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Proverbs 28:1.
- Consider my current life situation and how God may be staging me for His future usage.
- Pray for God to soften my heart and align it with His priorities.
- Reach out to my fellow followers of Jesus for wise counsel about an upcoming decision.

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