SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 21, 2013

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Esther is one of two books in the Bible named for women. The plot points involving this biblical heroine fill the story with drama, unique characters, and plot twists. Ultimately, the story comes down to a young woman named Esther, who was in the right place at the right time and made a courageous decision. What can we learn from her story?

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"Who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:16, NASB).

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing" (James 1:2-4, NLT).

"Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16, NASB).

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"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days" (Esther 4:11, NASB).

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"Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17, NASB).

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