

You Are Significant

a study of Esther

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Week One
Esther 1:1-22

Day One
Read Esther 1:1-9

How many banquets were given, how long did each last, and who was invited to each one?

Why was the first banquet given?

Read Genesis 18:2-8; Luke 10:38-42; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2; and Philemon 1:4-7.
When you open the doors of your home to others, why do you do so?

How do you conduct yourself with guests in your home?

King Xerxes reigned over 127 provinces and the people looked to him for power and protection.
Where is a place that you feel you can reign?

How do you act in that setting?

Day Two

Read Esther 1:1-9

Find scripture from a concordance regarding God's throne. What do you think is the difference between a worldly throne and the heavenly throne? (If you don't have a concordance in your Bible or home, go to www.biblegateway.com for help on this question.)

If you compare your home to that of a palace or a place that you govern or control, how can you make it more God honoring and less self honoring?

Day Three

Read Esther 1:10-12

What did King Xerxes command his servants to do and why was this important?

Read Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:13-21.

Do you think that Queen Vashti should have obeyed or refused the king's command?

Can we go against authority placed over us? When?

The king was positioned to make any commands over the people, as well as laws that he chose to rule by. Was he under the right frame of mind to command the queen's presence? Explain your answer.

What have you commanded of someone this week?

What was your frame of mind?

Did you ask them yourself or did you have someone else deliver your message?

By changing the way you asked, could the outcome have been different?

Have you had someone command you to do something without his or her thinking of your feelings?

How did it make you feel?

Day Four

Read Esther 1:13-22

What do these verses say about the men the king consulted with?

What did the wise men think the result would be of Queen Vashti not obeying the king's command?

What did the decree state and what would be the result once proclaimed?

Let's look at the submission factor of this scripture and take it further to apply to us and how we respond.
Read Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 11:3.

Not to the extreme of what we have seen in these verses, but in your daily living, what is the hardest part of submitting to your husband?

From these verses, by submitting to our husband, what are we doing?

Day Five

Read Esther 1:13-22

We see in these verses how Xerxes can add to the law and how he governs his people by how certain events take place.

What do the King's wise men advise him to do in verse 19?

Read Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-40; Hebrews 13:8.

What laws has God placed for us to follow?

Why do you think He gave them to us?

Can He change those or does He decide later to add a command because our actions don't please Him? Explain your answer.

King Xerxes sent Queen Vashti away forever because she disobeyed his commands.

Let us never compare humanity to divinity. There are many times that we take our experiences from earthly situations and create them into expectations of our heavenly King.

What has made you fear that God will tell you that you can never be in His presence again?

What does Romans 8:38-39 say? How does that give you rest and peace in your future with God?

Day Six

Read Esther 1:1-22

From Esther One and this week's questions, what have you learned that is new to you and how will you change because of it?

How will you praise God for these new areas of awareness?