

Week Five
Esther 4:5-17

Day One

Read Esther 4:5-11

Esther ordered Hathach to speak with Mordecai and find out what troubled him. In doing so, he became a strong confidante. What qualities do you think Hathach probably possessed (ie. good listener, loyal, etc.) that made him such an important attendant?

Who is our mediator - the one who knows our heart and interprets our information to God?

Do you know a "Hathach" today (someone with the qualities you listed above)? What will you do today to thank them for their task of friendship?

List scripture that will help you be a better Hathach to someone in your life.

Day Two

Read Esther 4:5-11

In 4:7-8, what did Mordecai give Hathach (verbally and physically)?

In verse 7, what all do you think Mordecai told Hathach when he “told him everything that had happened to him?”

Read 4:8. Up to this point, how do you think the king would describe his queen?

What was Mordecai asking Esther to do?

There are many times people do not see us for who we are. We wear masks to keep truth hidden - “happy” to hide hurt, pain, loneliness; “materialism” to hide financial failure, marriage problems; or “laughter” to hide insecurity and fear.

What are you hiding in your life? What masks are you wearing?

Can you give it to God so that He can begin to heal you?

Day Three

Read Esther 4:9-14

After Esther heard Mordecai's request, how did she respond?

What had happened in the thirty days since Esther had seen the king?

Do you think it was a coincidence that she wasn't requested in the king's presence during this time? Why or why not?

How have you missed an opportunity to be blessed and used by God?

Has there been a time that you made excuses for not following an opportunity instead of instantly taking the situation to the Lord for His counsel? Explain.

Day Four

Read Esther 4:12-17

In verse 14, what would happen if Esther remained silent?

What do you lose by not obeying God's call?

"For such a time as this..." What is happening in your life today that God has purposed for you and how are you benefiting from it?

Through Mordecai's responses, Esther was convicted and saw her purpose in doing God's will. Who convicts you in your daily living?

If your source of conviction comes from a person, what qualifies them to have this authority in your life?

Day Five

Read Esther 4:5-17

What qualities did you see in Mordecai as you studied the verses this week?

Which of these qualities will you pray for yourself this week?

How did Esther prepare to do God's will?

We are called daily to do God's work in some capacity.
How do you prepare for your daily purpose?

What changes will you commit to make that will better your responsibility to God?

Looking at verse 16, have you ever asked a group of people to pray for you on a specific task? What was the outcome?

How did the fasting and praying prepare Esther?