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| SERIES | Some heroes look better from a distance. Others – including a leader, a prime minister, a martyr, a boy, a bold woman and a man who lost everything – look better up close and personal. But no matter how you look at them, they’ve left epic legacies for us to examine as we create legacies of our own. |

Esther is an inspiring story about a remarkable woman who was willing to risk her life to save her people. She was an outstanding example of serving others even under the most stressful circumstances.

Did you know that Esther is mentioned more times in the Bible than any other woman? What spiritual lessons can we learn from studying the book about this very remarkable woman?

1. When are you most likely to worry about your future or the future of a loved one? How do you tend to deal with the uncertainty? Do you believe that it makes sense to plan for the future? If yes, how do you respond when things do not go as planned?
2. Read Matthew 6:26. Which of the reasons David gave us to trust in God does this support?
3. Esther 2:22 reveals that when Esther reported the assassination plot to the king, she gave credit to Mordecai. Why do you think this was significant? Describe a situation in your life when someone made a big difference by giving credit where credit was due.
4. Read Psalm 37:23. Does this support one of the reasons to trust in God? If so, which?
5. Do you think Esther was fearful about approaching the king? In what ways do prayer and fasting help us overcome our fears and make wise decisions? Are faith and prayer mutually exclusive with worry? Why or why not?
6. Can you think of a time when you did the right thing, even though you knew it might cost you? Try to find some verses in the New Testament where this idea is brought before the church.
7. There is a statement that one should wait on the timing of God. What does this mean to you? Do you find it difficult to wait? If yes, what do you think is causing you difficulty in waiting? How can you overcome this difficulty?
8. Esther had a friend in Mordecai. He guided and provided her information. As followers of Christ we have a guide, the Holy Spirit. Are you able to recognize when the Holy Spirit is guiding you? If yes, what signs are provided to you to know it is the Holy Spirit?
9. What is the significance of Haman being impaled on a pole? Do you have a Haman in your life?

Most of the time our lives may be pretty routine, but all of us have a few defining moments when we may be called on to put godly principle above personal benefit. What will you do when you encounter those defining moments in your life? What will you do when you face “such a time as this”?