

## **LIFE OF ESTHER**

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### **Priceless Mhocate**

Father, we bless you for your love and tender mercies

We ask that you illuminate our path with your word, and let your word impart and impact our lives in Jesus matchless name I pray

Amen!

So today we will be taking a look at the life of Esther

But before begin to talk about Esther we can't but talk about queen vashti who disregard and disrespected her husband in the presence of nobles and officials

This singular act of vashti paved a way for Esther into becoming the queen

Therefore the mistake of one led to the upliftment of the other

The king was really upset with vashti and then he seeked advice from the other nobles and officials on what to do with her and they suggested that she should be dethroned and without hesitation he accepted.

Just as God harden the heart of pharaoh the Lord also allow the king succum to every suggestions made to his hearing.

Another suggestion was made that all the virgins should be gathered and taken care of and Esther happened to be one of them.

In chapter 2:7 it was said that she was fair and beautiful kjv

Niv says she was loving in form and features. So as soon as she got to hegai the king's eunuch she won his favour.

Let's flash back a bit, the story of Esther wouldn't be completed if we do not mention Mordecai who was her uncle. Mordecai took care of Esther like his own daughter since she lost her parents.

Mordecai ordered Esther not to reveal her true identity and she obeyed

Fast forward when it was Esther's turn to go in with the king she also won his favour. We could say Esther had a this divine favour upon her life that attracts every of her benefactors.

And so Esther became the new queen.

But little did Esther know that she was brought into the palace for a particular purpose. This shows that God never makes mistakes, he is a master planner and he never does anything without a purpose.

The fact that Vashti refused the king's order was a divine arrangement for the salvation of the Jews.

And then Haman came into the picture who was higher than other nobles and loved to see everyone fall at his feet but Mordecai would never do that.

This got him very furious and he decided to make a plot that will wipe off all the Jews. So as soon as the news got to Mordecai he was so bittered, he tore his clothes and put on sack clothes.

Then he went straight to the king's gate, there Esther sent him clothes to put on but he refused until he passed the message to Esther.

Esther was afraid that she might lose her life in the process but Mordecai encouraged her then she ordered that all the Jews should fast for her in order to go in with the king without being summoned. She was ready and willing to do anything to save her people from perishing.

This was when Esther began to fulfill the purpose for which she became the queen, she faced her fears by going to the king after fasting for three days and nights.

Fortune favoured her again and the king extended his gold sceptre and spared her life.

When we face our fears in life we tend to explore more opportunities behind our fears. So when we face our fears we might not get to see other better opportunities.

Esther succeeded and was able to save her people from perishing.

I noticed that in this book of Esther God was not mentioned at all. Who else noticed it?

So the life of Esther was a life filled with God's favour.

\*Things that made Esther succeed\*

- she was obedient
- she believed so much in the God of her father's
- she was a woman of noble character
- she has the understanding of time that's why she told the king at the appropriate time.
- she's a spontaneous woman that why the king couldn't tell of her next move and Haman never got suspicious of her intentions.
- Esther was a woman who is highly favoured by God

I hope we learnt something?

Someone should please pray for us

We thank you our lord jesus for today, we thank you for helping us to learn at your feet again

We ask that you show us mercy and strengthen our hearts to do your will

Bless our teacher today

Open the eyes of our understanding more and more in jesus name

Amen

**Q:**What came to mind is, should we be hopeful that others make mistake for us to be uplifted?

Cos in this life ehn, it is somebody's sack letter that is another person's appointment position and the likes

## **IMPACTS OF ESTHER**

**09-05-19**

### **Comforter**

Father we thank you for showing us so much mercy, much more than we deserve. We thank you for another awesome day.

Father we pray you open our eyes to see and our ear to hear your word in Jesus name...

So, today we'd be reviewing the impact of Esther

Esther was a woman of impact, but she wasn't a woman of many words. She wasn't the center of attention.

One quality that stood out about Esther was she was specific in her words and actions. She knew when to speak and when not to speak.

In the first instance that we see Esther showing restraint in what she says is when she choosed to withhold information about who she is: "Esther had not made known her people nor her relatives, because Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make it known." -Esther 2:10

There are several reasons why Esther did not disclose her identity, but knowing that the Jewish people were at risk, one possibility is that the information may have affected the way people perceived her if they found out that she was Jewish.

Another impact is that

*\*She was respectful!\**

If you're in a situation where the actions of someone you know were deemed questionable, respect may be at the bottom of the list. Naturally, one would protest, rebel, or be disobedient. However, Esther was neither of those qualities. She was respectful to authority

Esther carried a grace in her presence as she came before the king. Right before she approached him, the Bible mentions that she goes on a 3 day fast, which I believe is what essentially prepared her for that moment.

I think Esther respected authority because these were the people who were in power, and would essentially decide her fate.☺

This is a lesson that is applicable to our personal lives or in the workplace. One thing that shouldn't change regardless of the circumstances is the way we treat people..

Esther had Faith as in big faith

Esther said, *"If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right to the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. For how can I endure to see the evil that would come to my people? How can I endure to see the destruction of my relatives?"* -Esther 8:5-6\*

All it takes is one person to speak up and change everything. That's the kind of person I aspire to be.

\_The Book of Esther teaches us many lessons from the value of humility to respect to faith. I personally love it because it shows us that no one should ever be underestimated. It's not always about being a person of many words, but the impact of what you say or do, that matters\_

The end

Thank you for following

## MORALS FROM ESTHER

10-05-19

### Joyful Cravings

Shall we pray

Our Dear Father we thank you for your love. We ask that you pardon all our iniquities and we pray that you shine your light in our hearts as we review your word tonight. Amen.

Today we are reviewing the moral from the our Bible character for the week, Esther. I believe we all have gained one thing or the other.

**Q:** Pls in your own view can you state one significance in the life of Esther?

**A:** She stood her ground. She knew what she wanted and went for it. Nothing could stop her. No naysayers.

She honored her uncle too. Showed her proper upbringing. Gave him the respect he deserved and didn't despise him just because she became a Queen and he was still "outside the gate".

After all, he wasn't her biological parent † ♀

Hmm! Honor your father and mother the first covenant with promise.

Do we honour our father, mother and those whom God has put in charge of us?

**A:** She was a 'Go' and 'goal' getting, she was a woman of a great impact, she was not just the figure head kind of queen, she was a queen with a great vision and ambition, she was the kind queen with a great purpose.

She desired the deliverance of her people and without any arrogance or fight she got it. Our weapons are not carnal. Esther could have mobilised her people for physical war, but instead she mobilised them to go into the original control room where the controller of the hearts of Kings dwells and piam without fighting, they were delivered from the enemy.



You are blessed to be a blessing. In that place where God has positioned you, hope you are making God proud of you. Esther made impact.

**A/C:** That line Mordecai said to her \*"who knows, you are here for such a time as this"\* is something to ponder on.

Yes, if you don't do it, God could send someone else to do it. But, first, what if that's the reason you are there at that time?

No coincidence with God.

Hmm 'Goal'

Very vital! Do you have a goal? What step are you taking to achieve it?

God doesn't do things without a reason. He is a Master planner. Jer. 29:11= "for I know the thoughts that I think towards you..."

When God positions you in a family, city, school, hostel, department, office, church, the list is endless. He has a purpose for it which we must discover and live by.

**C.** Esther was the \*fearless\* kind of queen because she knew that with God on her side nothing can stand in her way. She knew that whosoever the king never sent for including the Queen herself is never allowed to be seen in the presence of the King or else such fellow will be executed but she knew this and still took the bold step to appear before the king even when the king never sent for her and lo and behold she found grace and favour in the sight of the Lord because of her great faith which bring about her Fairless action.

This also points to obedience! Her uncle pointed her attention to the reason why God has placed her in the palace and she simply obeyed! Yeah! You might have not really taken note of what God wants you to do but when He sends men to draw your notice to it, how do you take it?

Fearless!

When you have assurance that God is involved in the step you are taking, there is no need to fear. For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and sound mind.

**Comment:**

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A big thank you to all that contributed.

I will quickly add two points and then we pray.

First, I see that God has plan for our lives, especially " those of us that acknowledge him.

God loved the Jewish people. And, he didn't create Esther's beauty and finesse for her and her alone. Esther was placed in a royal position to assist in the delivery of God's divine plan.(Jer. 29:11)

Your unique ability or what we call asset is for a set purpose and a set time.

Secondly, Fasting and prayer brings clarity.

God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther even once. But Esther was clear that in this particular situation, a heavenly response was needed for an earthly situation. Esther needed direction. when we are at the T. Junction of making choice(s), we could pray and fast like Esther and the her Jewish fellow. More so, fasting and prayer opens the portals for spiritual growth, removes distractions and places us on a path to humility.

Father we thank you for the revelations you've given us tonight. Help us to apply when and where it's needed in Jesus name. Amen