# **4Ws ESTHER: HOW TO MULTIPLY GOD'S FAVOR**



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# WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: Everlasting God, Battle Belong, Firm Foundation, How Great Thou Art

# WELCOME

Who is the person, outside your immediate family, who has made the most positive impact in your life?

# READ IT! WORD ESTHER 2:7-17 (READ THE ENTIRE BOOK OF ESTHER)

7 Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother. This young woman, who was also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Mordecai had taken her as his own daughter when her father and mother died.

8 When the king's order and edict had been proclaimed, many young women were brought to the citadel of Susa and put under the care of Hegai. Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem. 9 She pleased him and won his favor. Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. He assigned to her seven female attendants selected from the king's palace and moved her and her attendants into the best place in the harem.

10 Esther had not revealed her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had forbidden her to do so. 11 Every day he walked back and forth near the courtyard of the harem to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her.12 Before a young woman's turn came to go in to King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics. 13 And this is how she would go to the king: Anything she wanted was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace. 14 In the evening she would go there and in the morning return to another part of the harem to the care of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She would not return to the king unless he was pleased with her and summoned her by name.

15 When the turn came for Esther (the young woman Mordecai had adopted, the daughter of his uncle Abihail) to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her. 16 She was taken to King Xerxes in the royal residence in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

#### TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about multiplying God's favor?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## POINT IT OUT

INTRO (Proverbs 22:1, Luke 2:52, 2 Peter 3:18, James 4:6, 2 Corinthians 6:1, Esther 1:1-4, 12, 2:5-6, 9)

- 1. OBEDIENCE (Esther 2:10,15-17, 21-23, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Peter 2:18-19, 1 Peter 3:1-2)
- 2. FAITH (Hebrews 11:6, Romans 10:17, Esther 3:6, Esther 4:8, 11-14, Psalm 56:3-4)
- 3. WISDOM (James 1:5, Psalm 119:97-100, Psalm 119:66-67)

## APPLY IT!

## WORKS

Based on this lesson on "*REAL PEOPLE, REAL IMPACT – ESTHER: HOW TO MULTIPLY GOD'S FAVOR",* write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

## **PRAY CARE SHARE**

### **IN ACTION**

Pray for the Lord to send His witnesses to people whose lives are in "danger" from an eternity without Christ. Step out in faith and godly courage to use your God-given influence to share the gospel with them!

#### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- I. Thanksgiving
  - Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
- For the rest of the Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.
- For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities, and freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.
- Pray for Sudan and persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- Earthquake victims in Burma, Thailand, other countries.

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, dleaders, and families to become holy, humble,

harmonious, happy, and heartworking)

• For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

#### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### Esther 4:14

14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"