

“Esther's Courage”
Esther 4:15-5:8

I. INSTRUCTIONS: "reply...fast...I will go in" (4:15-17)

A. Orders: "fast for me...I...will also fast" (vv.15-16)

1. Steps: "Go, assemble all the Jews...and fast"

2. Submission: "I will go in to the king"

3. Sacrifice: "if I perish, I perish"

B. Obedience: "Mordecai...did just as...commanded" (v.17)

II. INVITATIONS: "come...to the banquet" (5:1-8)

A. Preparation: "Esther...stood in the inner court" (v.1)

B. Permission: "she obtained favor in his sight" (v.2)

C. Problem: "And what is your request?" (v.3)

D. Proposal: "come this day to the banquet" (v.4)

E. Promise: "the king and Haman came" (vv.5-6)

F. Petition: "come to the banquet...tomorrow" (vv.7-8)

*Next week: Read **Esther 5:9-14***