A Tale of Two Queens Esther 1-2 Pastor Phil Winfield May 23, 2010

Losing a queen – chapter 1 How to lose your queen:

- 1) Get intoxicated with success
- 2) Get intoxicated with spirits
- 3) Get intoxicated with **sensuality**
- 4) Make your queen a **possession** and not a **partner**

Finding a Queen - Chapter 2 - Qualities of a queen - "It takes more than a pretty face."

- 1) **Purity of** life- verses 1-4 "Let young virgins be found."
- 2) **Resiliency** of spirit—verses 5-7 "she had neither father nor mother."
- 3) **Constancy** of faith verses 8-9 "Esther was also taken"
- 4) **Integrity** in speech verses 10-11 "Esther had not revealed her people."
- 5) **<u>Humility</u>** for learning verses 12-15 "She requested nothing but what Hegai …advised."
- 6) Availability for God's purpose. Verses 17-18

Think about this:

Beauty may help get <u>people's attention</u> Godliness will help <u>change people's lives</u>

Proverbs 31:30 Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing, But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.