

“Esther: Being a Person of Courage”
Being a Stand-Up Person in a Bow-Down World • pt. 3
Esther 1-10

INTRODUCTION

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the conquering of fear.”
– Ray Comfort

“Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.”
– John Wayne

Acts 4:29, 31

1. The Circumstances (Est. 1-3)

- a. Vashti deposed as Queen
- b. Esther chosen as Queen
- c. Haman promoted as Prime Minister

2. The Choice (Est. 4)

- a. Mordecai’s report
 - ‡ *do you speak honest truth, or exaggerated ‘truth’?*
- b. Esther’s initial response
- c. Mordecai’s plea to ‘step up to the plate’ lest she be...

3. The Consequences (Est. 5-10)

a. risk #1: _____ before the king

b. risk #2: _____ to the king

“The world has no room for cowards. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die. And yours is not the less noble because no drum beats before you when you go out to your daily battlefields, and no crowds shout your coming when you return from your daily victory and defeat.” – Robert Lewis Stevenson

c. fate of Haman

d. fate of the Jews

- counter edict
- resulting Feast of Purim

APPLICATION

‡ when do we need courage?

- when a _____ must be made
- when a _____ must be fulfilled
- when _____ must be shown to others around us
- when we must _____ the truth about Je-

sus

‡ what holds us back?

‡ what do I need to speak with courage?

1 Cor. 2:1-3

Ps. 27:1; 56:11