

Esther: Maximizing Ministry Potential
Keeping the Story Alive
Esther 1:1-3
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There are 5 primary characters in this literary masterpiece:

1. King _____: Ruler of the world.
2. _____: The villain.

Then we have a pair of queens:

3. Queen _____: She was a woman of character and conviction; involved in the opening scene.
4. Queen _____: She exhibits both inner and outer beauty; but goes through an identity crisis.
5. _____: He was the uncle of Esther, more of a stepfather to her and was a man of integrity and faith.

“Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”-- Esther 4:13-14:

Mordecai is saying three things to Esther:

1. Don’t think you’ll _____ the holocaust when it happens.
2. If you don’t do _____, God will send someone else.
3. God has _____ you exactly where He wants you for such a time as this.

Let’s focus on some of the lessons, or principles, we can learn that will help us take a stand today as we look at the main characters in the book:

Queen Vashti:

The principle her life represents is: Take a _____ Stand.

Mordecai:

The principle we can learn from his life is: Take a _____ Stand.

Esther:

The principle we learn from her is: Take a _____ Stand.

God:

The principle here is: _____ His Sovereignty.