

**A Risky Story?**

**Esther 3 & 4**

A grudge becomes a plan that threatens a people.

An appeal becomes a call that threatens the Queen.

Application:

When we compromise with a dangerous culture we risk reaping its consequences.

Look Deeper: God places us in the role He plans to use us.

Look Longer: God prepares us for the part He purposed for us.

# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What is your biggest surprise in chapter 3? Have you ever been involved in a conflict that escalated to the point it threatened to damage other people? Explain.
- 2) Examine Mordecai's appeal and Esther's response. What stands out to you? What would your tendency be if you were in Esther's situation? Do you feel you are more often motivated by fear or faith?
- 3) Like Esther, do you believe God has placed you where you are today in life? What risky opportunity lies before you?
- 4) Esther had been given the ability to garner favor with others. What has God given you to use to advance His purpose? Are you willing to step out and risk?



## Memory Verse

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.  
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

2 Corinthians 4:18