

Girl Please Bible Study 7: Know Whose Favor You Really Need – Esther 4:10-17

Getting Things Started

- Hathach (pronounced *hay-thach*) was a eunuch who served Queen Esther.
- Mordecai was the relative who raised Esther and helped her become Queen
- The original Queen of Persia was deposed because she defied the king's order in a very public fashion
- A royal official who dislikes Mordecai convinced the King of Persia to pass a law that requiring all of the Jews in the kingdom to be executed

1) Why do you think people across the centuries have sought to find favor with people of power?

Into the Text

2) What kinds of arguments does Mordecai make in order to convince Esther to petition the King on behalf of the Jews?

3) Whose favor do you think Esther is most interested in obtaining; Mordecai's, the King's or God's? What, within the text, supports your belief?

4) What's significant about Esther requesting that Mordecai, the Jews in Susa and her female servants fast while she prepares herself to approach the King?

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Bringing Things Current

- 5) “Passing” is a term that’s been used to describe people who hide their ethnic or religious identity in order to avoid being discriminated against for that identity. What are some ways that Christians “pass” in modern society?

- 6) What’s the benefit of having people who have a relationship with God fast and pray with you when you’re faced with making a difficult decision?

- 7) How can we discover whether or not God desires us to do a certain thing?
