

## Bible Character series of readings – week 36

3<sup>rd</sup> July 16

**Monday: Esther 2:1-16. A beautiful maiden:** Esther had to wait a long time, receive many treatments and eat special food before seeing the king. Praise God that he receives us not on our outer beauty but on what Christ has done on the cross, giving us access to the King of kings.

**Tuesday: Esther 3:1-9 & 4:12-17. Willing to perish:** As Esther hears about Haman's plot to destroy all the Jews, what does she instruct them to do? Are there things in your life that you need to see breakthrough in where fasting and prayer might be in order?

**Wednesday: Esther 5:1-14. A tactful approach:** Through this difficult moment, not knowing what would happen to her people, Esther was 'still before the Lord and waited patiently for Him to unfold His plan'. Trust in the Lord and allow His plan to unfold in the things you are praying for, giving glory to His name.

**Thursday: Esther 7:1-10. A courageous request:** What do we learn from Esther's character and attitude that we can apply to our own lives as we come before God with our requests? What would you ask of God today whether for you or someone else?

**Friday: Esther 9:1-17. A mighty deliverance:** As Esther and Mordecai trusted in God we see the sovereign hand of God throughout their journey. Let this truth reassure you that nothing and no one can frustrate the purposes and plans of God in your life as you journey with Him.