



**DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH – Part 13**  
**Esther Saves God’s People – Pt.2**  
**Position Yourself for God’s Purpose**

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**1. Take initiative and be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Esther 5:3-8 (NLT)**, <sup>3</sup>Then the king asked her, “**What do you want, Queen Esther? What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!**” <sup>7</sup>Esther replied, “This is my request and deepest wish. <sup>8</sup>If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request and do what I ask, please **come with Haman tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare** for you. Then I will explain what this is all about.”

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**2. God is always working in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Esther 6:1-3 (NLT)**, “That night **the king had trouble sleeping**, so he ordered an attendant to bring the book of the history of his reign so it could be read to him. <sup>2</sup>In those records he discovered an account of how **Mordecai had exposed the plot** of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the eunuchs who guarded the door to the king’s private quarters. They had plotted to assassinate King Xerxes. <sup>3</sup>“What reward or recognition did we ever give Mordecai for this?” the king asked. His attendants replied, “**Nothing has been done for him.**”

**Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)**, “For **God is not unjust**. He will **not forget how hard you have worked for him** and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.”

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**3. Ambition fueled by revenge creates a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Esther 6:6-14 (NLT)**, <sup>6</sup>So Haman came in, and the king said, “What should I do to honor a man who truly pleases me?” **Haman thought to himself, “Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?”** <sup>7</sup>So he replied, “If the king wishes to honor someone,

<sup>8</sup>he should bring out one of the king’s own royal robes, as well as a horse that the king himself has ridden – one with a royal emblem on its head. <sup>9</sup>Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king’s most noble officials. And let him see that the man whom the king wishes to honor is dressed in the king’s robes and led through the city square on the king’s horse. Have the official shout as they go, ‘This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!’” <sup>10</sup>“Excellent!” the king said to Haman. “Quick! Take the robes and my horse, and **do just as you have said for Mordecai the Jew**, who sits at the gate of the palace. Leave out nothing you have suggested!”

**James 3:16 (NLT)**, “<sup>16</sup>For wherever there is **jealousy** and **selfish ambition**, there you will find **disorder** and **evil of every kind.**”

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**4. God is orchestrating the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Esther 7:3-10 (NLT)**, “<sup>3</sup>Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, **I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared.**” <sup>4</sup>For my people and I have been sold to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king.” <sup>5</sup>“Who would do such a thing?” King Xerxes demanded. “Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?” <sup>6</sup>Esther replied, “**This wicked Haman is our adversary and our enemy.**” Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen.”

**Proverbs 11:21 (NIV)**, “Be sure of this; the **wicked** will not go **unpunished**, but those who are **righteous** will go **free.**”

**Esther 8:11 (NLT)**, “<sup>11</sup>The king’s decree gave the Jews in every city **authority to unite to defend their lives**. They were allowed to kill, slaughter, and annihilate anyone of any nationality or province who might attack them or their children and wives, and to **take the property** of their enemies.”

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