



Part 4: How to Seek God in Crisis

Esther 4

1. Why is studying the book of Esther uniquely helpful as we process the implications of Russia invading Ukraine?

2. Write an overview of what has happened up to Esther chapter 4 so far.

3. Read Esther 4:1-3. How are Mordecai and the Jewish people responding to Haman's murderous plot?

- a. What is the value of being honest with yourself and to God with how you're feeling when facing crisis? Consider Mark 7:6.

- b. What is the value of engaging in transparent gospel-centered community when facing crisis?

- c. What do the following passages teach about *your role* in relating to someone in crisis? 1 Corinthians 12:26 and Romans 12:15.

- d. Who is someone in crisis that you should reach out to this week? How will you help them?

- e. What does it mean to fast?

f. Why is fasting beneficial while facing crisis? Consider Isaiah 58:5-6.

g. What is one practical thing you can do to be more prayerful while in crisis?

4. Read Esther 4:4-14. How do we see Mordecai's clear belief in God's sovereignty here?

a. What does it mean for you to have a "for such a time as this" mindset as you follow Jesus each day?

b. Name one way Jesus is leading you to serve Him right now in light of Russia's invasion?

c. Why is it humbling and helpful to know that God doesn't NEED me to fulfill His Master Plan?

d. Why is it an honor to sacrifice for God's purposes?

5. Read Esther 4:15-17. What can you learn about seeking God while in crisis from Esther?

6. Explain how Esther points to Jesus and the hope that we have in Him.

7. What is a main take-away from this message for you?
