

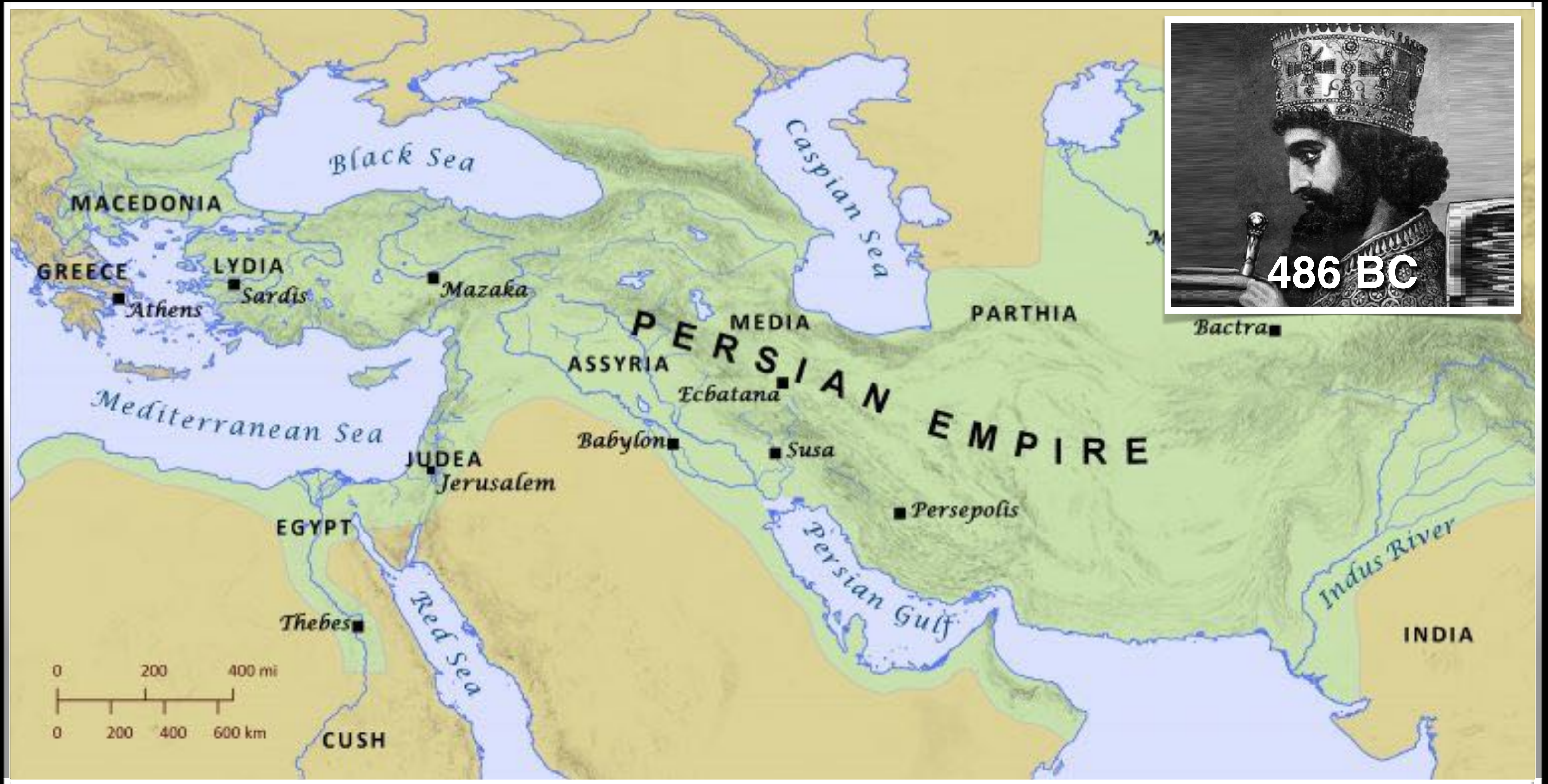


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ESTHER

The Hiddenness of
God

In a Feast by Faith



Esther 5:1-14

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6 And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled. 7 Then Esther answered, My wish and my request is: 8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said. 9 And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

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10 Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. 11 And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. 12 Then Haman said, Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast. This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.



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How does that happen?

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24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Hebrews 11:24, 25

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APPLICATION:

How are you doing with identifying with God's people?

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APPLICATION:

How are you doing with identifying with God's people?

“Do we choose to be content and blend in with the culture, all the while Jesus is calling us to be salt and light?”

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SUMMARY:

**Esther refused to be content...
How about you?**

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All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.

Esther 4:11



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In Exodus Moses by faith overcame the fear of the kings wrath and left Egypt.

Esther by faith overcame the fear of the king’s wrath and approached the king.

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Is there anybody here today who has some fears?



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“Fear of the unknown path stretching ahead of us destroys the childlike trust in the Father’s active goodness and unrestricted love.”



“Never be afraid to trust and unknown future to a known God.”

Corrie Ten Boom

“...the people who know their God will display strength and take action.” Daniel 1:32

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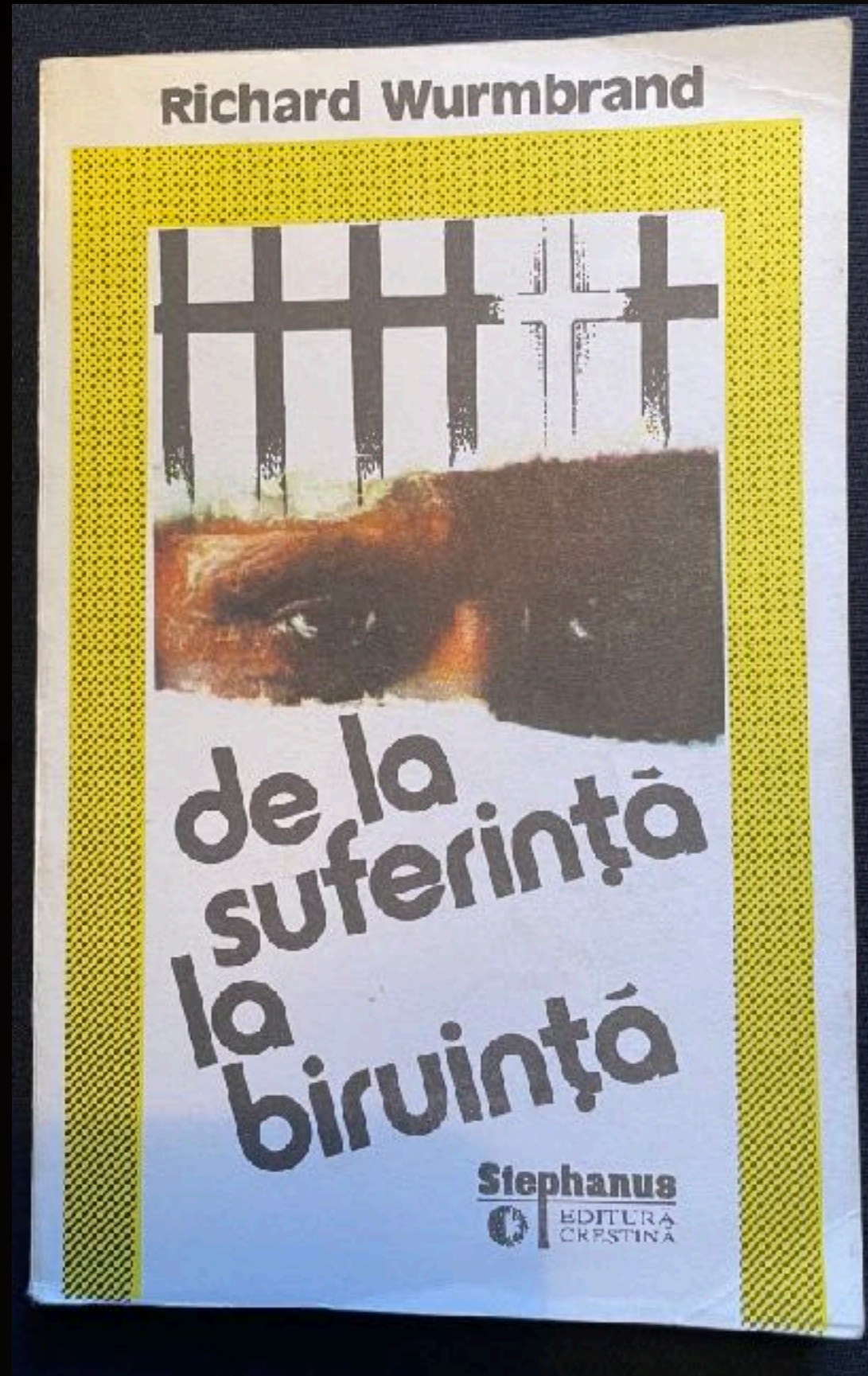
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That's the hiddenness of God in Esther's Feast by Faith.



**Richard and Sabina
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SUMMARY:

Esther's refusal to be content is Motivated by her Selflessness.

She identified with God's people.

She took her fears to God through prayer.

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“He came to His own and His own did not receive Him.”

John 1:11

“who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Phil. 2:6-8

IMITATE CHRIST!

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Esther's refusal to be content is Motivated by her Selflessness.

***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life.***

John 3:16

**Trust Christ and you will not parish.
You may lose this life, but he will carry you through to eternal life.**



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