

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

(Esther 2.21-4.17)

Central Idea: *God's sovereignty, faithfulness and providential care should not lead us to passivity but to faith-filled choices.*

### The Story of Esther Continues ...

❖ A Murder Plot Spoiled (2.19-23)

❖ A Sho'ah (Catastrophe) Planned (3.1-15)

❖ Lessons to Learn and Live By

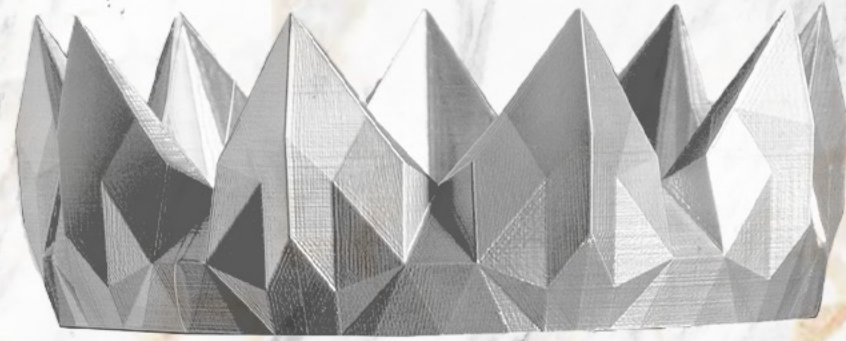
### Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

Several themes stand out in Esther 3-4 ...

1. Pride ... Both the King and Haman are proud and covet honor from others. How can we minimize our personal desires to be honored and maximize our interest in God's honor?
2. Fear and Faith ... The Jews were naturally fearful and anxious because of the King's decree. What, if anything, are we as Christians currently fearful or anxious about? How can we cast our cares on Him?
3. Prayer ... No direct reference is made to prayer after learning of the decree. Why is prayer always the best response to difficult circumstances?
4. Obedience ... We need others to help spur us on to obedience. Is there someone God has used to encourage you to be obedient? Are there any areas of your life where you are hesitating to obey the Lord?
5. Do you think Esther's choice is faith-filled or fatalistic? Support your answer.

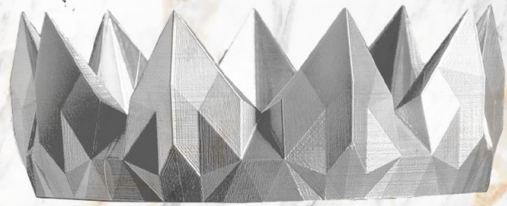
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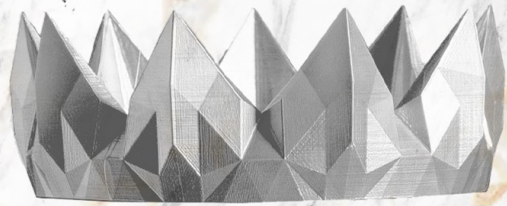
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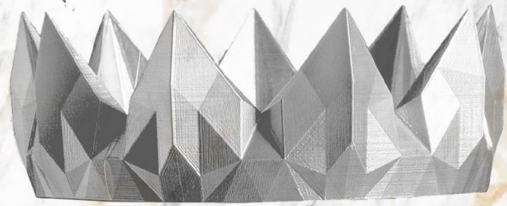


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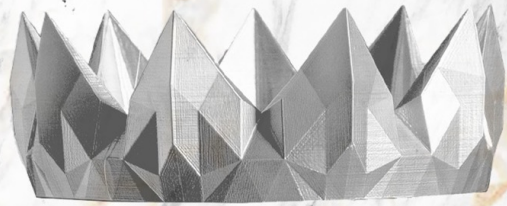


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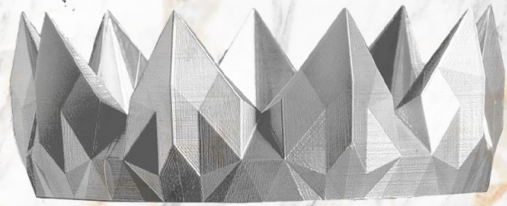
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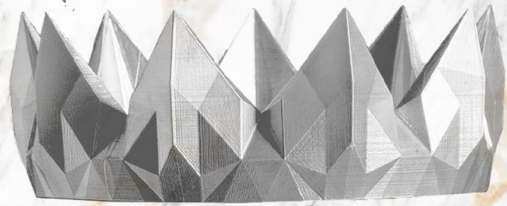
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