



How to Live with Confidence When Life is Uncertain

Esther 5-10

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BIG IDEA: Faith is not certainty about the **OUTCOME**. Faith is confidence in God that enables me to obey when the **OUTCOME** is uncertain.

Biblical Principles for Navigating Uncertainty

Principle #1: ACCEPT what I cannot control

Proverbs 19:21; James 4:13-15

Principle #2: TRUST God even when I cannot see what He is doing

2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 8:28-29

Principle #3: Believe God can use me where I am for His **PURPOSES**

Esther 4:14; Ephesians 2:10; Acts 17:27-27

Principle #4: Don't face uncertainty **ALONE**

Esther 4:15-16; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 10:24-25; James 5:6

- Sometimes God's answer to my prayer is a person He has **ALREADY** placed beside me

Principle #5: PRAY before I **PANIC**

Esther 4:16; Philippians 4:6-7; James 1:5

- Prayer should be my **first RESPONSE**, not my **last resort**

Principle #6: Don't let **FEAR** make my decisions

2 Timothy 1:7; Matthew 10:28

- Courage doesn't mean the danger **isn't real**, it means fear doesn't get the **FINAL VOTE**

Principle #7: Obey what God has made **CLEAR** even when the **OUTCOME** isn't

John 14:15; James 1:22

HARD TRUTH: I don't need the complete plan to **TAKE** the next step

Principle #8: Act **WISELY**, not **RECKLESSLY**

Matthew 10:16; Ephesians 5:15-16

- Faith trusts God with the outcome; wisdom **PREPARES** carefully for the opportunity

Principle #9: Trust God with what **AFTER** I obey

1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7

- Obedience becomes **EXHAUSTING** when I think I also have to control the results

Principle #10: Don't forget the end of THE BIG STORY: **GOD WINS!**

Romans 8:37; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Revelation 21:3-5

- Ultimate certainty is not that every story gets a "**HAPPILY EVER AFTER**"



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BONUS Principle: Esther points us toward a greater **DELIVERANCE**

John 10:18; Hebrews 4:14-16

- Ultimate certainty is not in Esther's courage, but in **CHRIST'S VICTORY!**

Memory Verse:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 NLT

Recommended Resources:

[Traction, Tuning Up: Part 2 \(message on prayer\)](#)

[Pray4 Series \(January 2025\)](#)

[Becoming a 3C Disciple Series \(January 2026\)](#)



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Reflection Questions:

- What is one area of your life right now where you are experiencing uncertainty?
- When life feels uncertain, what is your natural response?
- Which of the ten principles from Sunday stood out to you most, and why?
- What are you trying to control right now that you may need to surrender to God?
- Esther did not face her uncertainty alone. Who has God placed around you to help you carry what you are facing?
- *"Prayer should be my first response, not my last resort."* What usually happens between the moment you encounter a problem and the moment you actually pray about it?
- Where might fear be influencing a decision you are making?
- Is there something God has already made clear that you have been delaying because you don't know how everything will turn out?
- *"My responsibility is obedience. God's responsibility is the outcome."* Where are you carrying responsibility for an outcome that actually belongs to God?
- *"The Christian's ultimate certainty isn't that every situation will have a 'happily ever after,' but that Christ ultimately wins."* How does knowing the end of the story change the way you can face an uncertain chapter right now?

My next step today is to...

- Memorize Philippians 4:6
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- Watch or listen to ***The 3C Podcast*** to go deeper this week
- Invite a friend to join me next week
- Sign up for a Group this Fall!
- Pick up an [ESV Romans Scripture Journal](#) this week
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