

## “Crisis – What Do You Do Now?”

Esther 4:15-17

**I.** A Crisis is a series of events that bring difficulty, \_\_\_\_\_, or great potential \_\_\_\_\_.

A. A Crisis can drive you \_\_\_\_\_ from GOD.

B. OR a Crisis can drive you \_\_\_\_\_ GOD. You decide.

### **II. What was Esther’s Crisis?**

A. Esther, a young Jewish girl became Queen of the Persian Empire in \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.

B. The King of Persia was Ahasuerus (\_\_\_\_\_ name). **1:1** His Greek name was \_\_\_\_\_. His father was \_\_\_\_\_. His grandfather was \_\_\_\_\_ the Great. He was a strong-willed and \_\_\_\_\_ man.

C. Somewhere between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> years of his reign, King Ahasuerus appointed \_\_\_\_\_, an Agagite, to be the chief officer of the huge empire. **3:1** Haman was a descendant of Israel’s ancient enemy, the \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The Persian Empire was nearly bankrupted by its wars and invasions of \_\_\_\_\_ (490-479 B.C.) Haman shrewdly suggested to King Ahasuerus that a certain ethnic group (he \_\_\_\_\_ their identity) in his far-flung empire, were both \_\_\_\_\_, and incredibly \_\_\_\_\_. **3:8-9** This group was the \_\_\_\_\_. Haman hated the Jews, and in particular, he despised one Jewish man that would not bow to him, \_\_\_\_\_, the Jew. Haman did not know that Mordecai was Queen Esther’s \_\_\_\_\_ father. The King did not know that his \_\_\_\_\_ was Jewish.

E. Haman told the King they could wipe out this ethnic group in an attack in \_\_\_\_\_. Haman would then use his Persian troops to confiscate their wealth. Haman stated he would put \_\_\_\_\_ into the depleted coffers of Persia. **3:10-11** Without full understanding, the King \_\_\_\_\_ the order. **3:12-15**

F. \_\_\_\_\_ used Haman to target the entire Jewish race in an unsuccessful attempt to change GOD’s plan for Israel, and HIS \_\_\_\_\_ plan for all the Earth.

G. Through messengers Mordecai communicated the danger to Esther, and begged her to \_\_\_\_\_. **4:1-14**

### **III. Wise actions to take in a Crisis:**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 7:7-8

A. Prayer is not specifically mentioned in the text, because it was \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 9:3

- B. You can do a lot of things before you pray. But GOD will \_\_\_\_\_ until you pray. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ on GOD? Maybe HE is waiting \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Prayer is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ you can ever learn. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ the Hands of GOD, as it \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## 2. You \_\_\_\_\_. **4:15-16**

- A. Fasting is abstaining from \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of time, in order to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to GOD, to hear more \_\_\_\_\_ HIS Voice, and to receive HIS \_\_\_\_\_ Help.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ fasted before receiving the Ten Commandments – Deut. 9:9-18
  2. Ninevah fasted to \_\_\_\_\_ GOD's Judgment – Jonah 3:7-10
  3. Ezra fasted seeking \_\_\_\_\_ for his people – Ezra 8:21-23
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ fasted to draw close to GOD – Luke 2:36-37
  5. JESUS fasted to prepare for HIS call to \_\_\_\_\_ – Luke 4:1-13
  6. Leaders in Antioch fasted for direction for \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 13:2-3
- B. Fasting is not a \_\_\_\_\_ trying to force GOD to do what you want. Fasting is \_\_\_\_\_ yourself before GOD to get clarity, and to receive spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to serve HIS Purposes. Isaiah 58:6
- C. Are there some things that you critically need GOD's miraculous help for? Fast with a \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. You do the \_\_\_\_\_. **4:16**

- A. Where has GOD \_\_\_\_\_ you. Do you think that HE placed you there for your \_\_\_\_\_? **4:14-15**
- B. Faith requires \_\_\_\_\_. "Faith without Works is Dead" James 2:14-26
- C. IF we do not \_\_\_\_\_, IF we do not \_\_\_\_\_ ... others will suffer. Proverbs 24:11-12

## 4. You \_\_\_\_\_ for the Results. Eph. 3:20

- A. None of us know the \_\_\_\_\_, or how anything will turn out.
- B. We need to do the \_\_\_\_\_, what GOD wants us to do.
- C. Esther stated, "I \_\_\_\_\_ in to the King, which is not according to the Law; and \_\_\_\_\_." **4:16**

\* Your Pastor is calling for a Fall Fast of 3 Days next week.  
Choose anytime – Monday Oct. 30th through Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.  
(Do it any way you choose. Give GOD extra time)

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