

Esther 4:10-5:4:

<sup>10</sup> Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: <sup>11</sup> "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days." <sup>12</sup> So Hathach[a] gave Esther's message to Mordecai.

<sup>13</sup> Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. <sup>14</sup> If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." <sup>17</sup> So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

**5** On the third day of the fast, Esther put on her royal robes and entered the inner court of the palace, just across from the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne, facing the entrance. <sup>2</sup> When he saw Queen Esther standing there in the inner court, he welcomed her and held out the gold scepter to her. So Esther approached and touched the end of the scepter.

<sup>3</sup> Then the king asked her, "What do you want, Queen Esther? What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"

<sup>4</sup> And Esther replied, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a banquet I have prepared for the king."



Vitals for June 13th

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$3,741

Sunday School - 36

Worship Service - 77

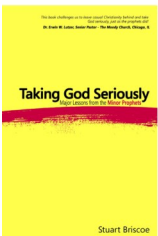
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- Clark Adams - Severe Allergic Reaction
- Bekah Thompson - blood pressure
- Buster Smith (Shirley Counciller's brother)
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- Nancy Tinch (Paul Tinch's mom) fractured leg
- Manny Alvarez
- Gary Clavell
- Richard Johnson (Lawrence Johnson's brother)
- Monica Kibbey (Tonya Jones sister) chemo treatments
- Joe Combs (Tonya Jones father)
- Mike Wilson - needing a liver/heart problems
- Elijah Rader (student of Diane Burks)
- Judy Whipple

*Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks; but if you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know. \*If you would like a copy of the long term prayer list, you can pick one up in the lobby.*



Our summer Bible study will continue this Thursday @ 7:15pm. We are studying the 12 minor prophets of the Old Testament (1 book each week), using 2 resources, Stuart Briscoe's, "Taking God Seriously", and Bruce Bickel's & Stan Jantz's book, "What Ticks God Off".

You are welcome to get one or both resources on your own, but they are not required and will not affect your experience if you don't. We hope you'll join us this week as we study **the book of Joel**.

If you would like to be a part of this study, and require child care, please let us know so that we can make the proper arrangements.

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