

# Bible<sup>with</sup> Brian

March 10, 2010 / Week 9

## *Esther: Survivor*

- **Bring - *New Guest***
- **Grow**
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### I. The Story of Esther

- a. King Xerxes deposes Queen Vashti
- b. Search for a new queen
- c. Hadassah (Esther) and her cousin Mordecai
- d. From orphan to Queen Esther
- e. Mordecai overhears plot to assassinate the King
- f. The Pride of Haman and his wife Zeresh – Esther 3:5-10
- g. Mordecai calls on Esther to approach the King

**VIDEO CLIP- *ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING***

- h. Haman is hanged

**i. Mordecai appointed to prime minister**

**j. The feast of Purim**

**II. What Queen Esther Knew- *Connie Glaser & Barbara Smalley***

**a. Know the rules – *friends with the chief eunuch Hegai***

**b. Daily first impressions-*Esther 2:17-18***

**1. UCLA social linguist- Albert Mehrabian,, Ph.D.**

- **impact**
- **7% words**
- **38% tone of voice**
- **55% nonverbal communication**

**III. Fight For What You Believe In – Esther 4:6-8, 11**

**a. Modern day heroes**

- 1. Special FBI agent Coleen Rowley – 9/11 disclosures**
- 2. Sherron Watkins- Enron Scandal**
- 3. Cynthia Cooper- Worldcom**
- 4. Deborah Lipstadt- David Irving British Historian on the Holocaust.**

**b. Mordecai's wisdom- Esther 4:10-14**

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**IV. Mapping Out Your Offense- Esther 4:15-17; 5:2-8**

- a. Know the mission**
- b. Know the cost**
- c. Know God's timing**

**V. Expect Obstacles- Esther 5:9-15**

**VI. Keep the Faith-- Esther 8:1-17**

- a. God always has a plan**
- b. God is never out of options**

**VII. The Rules of Resiliency Esther 9:1-17**

- a. Lose the victim mentality**
- b. Learn to "fail forward"**
- c. Lean on others**
- d. One step from failure to success**

**VIII. The Feast of Purim- Esther 9:18-22**

- a. From destruction to celebration- Esther 9:23-26**
- b. The power of your story- claim it and share it**

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<b>ACTION STEP</b>
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## **Serving with Brian Opportunities:**

- 1. March 17, 2010 Bible with Brian**
  - **Extravagant Hospitality 6- 7:10 p.m. (a)**
  - **Power in Prayer 6- 7 p.m. (b)**
  - **Table Host 7-8:30 p.m. (c)**
  
- 2. March 15<sup>th</sup> Gateway Café Celebration**
  - **Help prepare the meal for the celebration 4-6 p.m. (d)**
  - **Extravagant Hospitality with our guests 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (e)**
  
- 3. March 21-27 New Orleans' Men's Mission Trip (f)**
  - **Cost \$275**
  - **Brian Brown, Tom Burrows, Jim Florkey, Phil Gallivan, Mark Giffen, Dean Greer, Dave Hoover, Dave Knapp, Frank Ishmael, Mark Lewis, Tom Downs, Chris Smith, Tom Staley, Carl Urbanas**
  
- 4. April 22-26 Jamaica Christian Women's Conference (g)**
  - **Cost \$1149**
  
- 5. April 24- May 1 Haiti Missions Trip (h)**
  - **Cost \$1499**
  - **Carmille Akande, Brian Brown, Stephen Dees, Brian Flora, Cynthia Jackson, Horace Jackson, Dave Knapp, Jay Meyers, Bill Weikert, Donna Weikert, Tyler Wright,**

**\*\*\*\*Please put the letter(s) a, b, c, d, e, f, g or h corresponding to the mission opportunity above after your name when you sign in and we will be in touch with you. God Bless!!\*\*\*\***