

## Stepping Out

## Description

Esther 4:6-14

Estherâ??s life began tragically, with her parents dying. She was part of an exiled people. Eventually, she was even taken from her loving, adoptive father (her cousin) to join the kingâ??s harem. While Esther experienced hardship, she is now in a comfortable place of security.

It is from this comfort and security that Mordecai calls her to act. And letâ??s not forget, this was no gentle request! He didna??t mince words in telling her the truth: she wouldna??t be spared just because she lived in the palace. She could risk perishing now (if she went to the king and he didnâ??t extend his scepter), or she could perish with her people later. This threat to her security was enough to compel her to risk going to the king.

This is not to dismiss Estherâ??s courage, but to give us perspective about our own tendency toward self-preservation. We usually make choices we hope will result in our well-being and security. Sometimes, however, God asks us to step outside that bubble of safety. What ways are we tempted to stay in safety and comfort? How might God be asking us to step out of that, in a courageous act of he Four trust in God?

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