

## Stained Heroes: Esther

*"When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, <sup>13</sup> he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. <sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:12-14*

Esther's stain: A reluctance to act.

If this is a fairy tale, this is where the story ends!

Esther has a greater mission than to be a beautiful queen. We all have a mission and we all have a shadow mission.

Esther shows hesitancy and reluctance to her Calling and mission.

Her reluctance is justified.

God redeems her reluctance.

God can do the same for us!

1. If we will listen to our Mordecais.
2. If we will be transparent enough to ask for help.
3. If we will pray and fast listening.
4. If we will act on the Holy Spirit's promptings.

God uses Esther to sustain the nation of Israel. Through Us, God can sustain His plans and purposes for this world that we live in.

**Maybe...you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this!**

### Small Group Questions

1. Esther is a "Cinderella" story of sorts. How different would we have viewed her had her story ended when she became Queen?
2. Discuss the outcome if Esther had given in her to reluctance and settled for her "Shadow Mission."
3. What could be your personal "Shadow Mission"? What could be your "Mission"?
4. Do you have a "Mordecai" in your life who can ask you the difficult questions?