

## 11. ESTHER

### DECISION TIME

#### Esther 4:14

**“And who knows that you have come to royal position for such a time as this”**

Esther was not a good girl.

She was not a good *Jewish* girl. She entered the world’s biggest talent show with one goal in mind, to give the Persian Emperor the night of his life! If she was the best, then she would be made queen!

The Persian Emperor was the most powerful man on earth and his empire had destroyed Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple! For Esther, this wasn’t just denying her faith; this was sleeping with the enemy on a grand scale!

Well, she made her mark on the over-sexed Emperor, won the competition and became queen. Sounds good, but basically that meant ‘come when I whistle and clear off when I don’t. Or else!’

So this lady had the looks, but she was no Holy-Jo! She was certainly not good material for sainthood. But, hang on a second; there’s a whole book in the Bible named after her!!! How did that happen?

Esther had pretended not to be a Jew but now the Jews were about to be wiped out. Either she could keep herself safe or she could speak out and risk being destroyed. What would she do? Well, Esther decided to stand up and be counted. She went in to the Emperor without him ‘whistling’ for her. He could have killed her just for that! But she was subtle and she was clever and she used her influence to save her people. When push came to shove, this sinner chose God.

That’s all that counted.

You may not feel like good material for sainthood. Your life may not look squeaky clean. But God is looking into your heart. He wants to know which way you will jump when the crunch comes.

Will you choose safety, or will you choose God?

***It’s not your looks but your choices that count***