



# SERMON NOTES

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ESTHER'S  
FAITH

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| A. The expulsion of Vashti                | Esther 1:1-22     |
| B. The elevation of Esther                | Esther 2:1-23     |
| C. The extermination of the Jews planned  | Esther 3:1 – 4:17 |
| D. The extermination of the Jews thwarted | Esther 5:1 – 9:32 |
| E. The exaltation of Mordecai             | Esther 10:1-3     |

**Esther defines the courage of FAITH**

**Esther declares her life by her FAITH**

**Esther shows her FAITH by her actions**

- I need \_\_\_\_\_ in my faith Hebrews 11
- I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my faith by my life Acts 5:28-29
- I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my faith in my actions Mark 8:34-38

*Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.*

*(Esther 4:13-17)*

# SERMON NOTES – LIVE THE TEN: NO PLACE BUT FIRST PLACE

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## NO PLACE BUT FIRST PLACE

Put God First! \_\_\_\_\_ clarified the issue in Mark 12:28-30  
\_\_\_\_\_ life governed by it (Genesis 39:9)

*CHRISTIANS HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT REASON FOR PRACTICING PURITY THAN  
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD*

## THE GODS WHO WOULD BE KING

Who is going to sit on the \_\_\_\_\_ of my heart? God says, "Put me first"  
A god is anything in which we put our trust and focus in.  
What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

**The other commandments are applications of the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment!**

- Sabbath keeping \_\_\_\_\_ PUT
- Do not murder \_\_\_\_\_ GOD
- Do not commit adultery \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST!

## THE GOD WHO SHOULD BE KING

The \_\_\_\_\_ God Deuteronomy 5:6 *I AM THE LORD – I DON'T CHANGE*  
➤ I \_\_\_\_\_ who I \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 3:14  
➤ I deserve first place in your life simply because I AM the I AM

**The \_\_\_\_\_ God Deuteronomy 5:6**

- I am the Lord YOUR God – He is my God
- He wants a \_\_\_\_\_ with us so much  
He rules in my life and my love for Him gives me the desire to follow him!  
"OUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN" MATTHEW 6:9

**The \_\_\_\_\_ God Deuteronomy 5:6**

*I am the Lord your God who brought You out of the land of Egypt...*

I want your allegiance because:

- Of who I am; the \_\_\_\_\_ GOD
- Of where I am; I am \_\_\_\_\_ to you
- Of what I do; I am your \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 1:13  
1 Corinthians 10:13**

## NO PLACE BUT FIRST PLACE

F = \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:8)  
 I = \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:21-24)  
 R = \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:20)  
 S = \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:33)  
 T = \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 55:17)

**"AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE  
BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS  
THE BEGINNING, THE  
FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD,  
THAT IN EVERYTHING HE  
MIGHT BE PREEMINENT"  
(COLOSSIANS 1:18 – ESV)**