

Oxford Baptist Church – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
February 19, 2017 - The Story Series
Read the book of Esther and Chapter 20 –
“The Queen of Beauty and Courage”

Courageous Decisions today impact future Generations
Tomorrow.

The Strength of Esther

You were born “for such a time as this...” (4:14)

“If I perish, I perish.” (4:16) - True test of faith.

Listens to the faith-filled godly counsel of her relative.

“Stick your neck out, don’t keep your head down.”

Time to take a stand. Put your life on the line.

The Strength of Mordecai

He exhorts Esther to do something great.

“At least he tried.”

What is the worst thing that can happen if you try?

Mordecai uncovers a conspiracy. (2:21-23)

Mordecai honoured. (8:15-17; 9:4)

Mordecai’s reputation. (10:3)

Purim Celebrates Courage. (9:20-32)

The Greatness of the Lord.

The Lord is always working behind the scenes.

The Lord wants his people to take a stand.

The Lord blesses courageous faith to overcome fear.

The Lord’s People are to be rescuers.

The Lord will deal with his enemies. Don’t fight the Lord.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our reality. Col 2:16-17

1Cor 15:58



THE STORY
For Life Groups

1. Discuss how Esther and Mordecai demonstrated faith and courage in very dangerous times.
2. How did they put their lives on the line for God’s people?
3. The Lord has a plan for each of our lives as we were born “for such a time as this.” How does this statement impact your life and God’s plan for you?
4. Why is it important to have the confidence and exhortation of others for us to be courageous?
5. What does the book of Esther teach about God’s work behind the scenes of history?
6. How have you understood God working behind the scenes in your life?
7. What is one way this week that you can “stick your neck out” or be more courageous in your faith?
8. What step(s) can you take to show that you trust in the in providence of the Lord in your life?