

**IF I PERISH, I PERISH  
(4:1-5:14)**

\*Can 1 person make a difference in life for Jesus Christ?

\* 2 Corinthians 5:8-15

**I. THE PERSONAL SELECTION OF ESTHER (1:1-2:23)**

**II. THE DIABOLICAL INTENTION OF HAMAN (3:1-4:3)**

**III. THE COURAGEOUS INTERCESSION OF ESTHER (4:4-5:14)**

**A. Her INITIAL REACTION to the News. (4:4)**

\* Emotionally, what was Esther's reaction to the news?

\* Practically, What was Esther's reaction toward Mordecai?

\* What can we learn from this?

**B. Her WILLING RESPONSE to Cousin Mordecai. (4:5-11)**

\* What did Esther learn from her inquiry of Mordecai's actions?

\* What difficulty was Esther faced with in fulfilling Mordecai's command?

\* What was Mordecai's conviction and counsel regarding Esther's hesitations?

\* What did Esther determine would be the course of action she would take?

\* What can we learn from this?

### **C. Her UNUSUAL REQUEST at the Banquet. (5:1-14)**

\* What was Esther's initial action in contacting the king?

\* How did the king respond to Esther?

\* What request did Esther make of the king?

\* How did the king respond again toward Esther?

\* Did all of this serve to inflate Haman's pride?

\* What can we learn from this?

\* How does all of this apply to you?