**Esther**

***Found Faithful***

**ESTHER 4:13-17**

**Overview**

Through the malicious workings of a jealous and wicked man, God's people found themselves in great danger. But God in His providence had already placed a special young lady in a key position. Queen Esther courageously trusted in the Lord and interceded for her people, and God worked a great miracle of deliverance.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of the lesson, each student should:

1. Understand the danger that God's people and Esther herself faced

2. Appreciate the faith and courage Esther showed in the actions she took

3. Determine to be found faithful both now and in the future

**Teaching Outline**

* + Introduction
	+ Tough Times
		- Uncertain future
		- Unapproachable king
	+ Tender Traits
		- Cared enough to speak
		- Cared enough to fast and pray
	+ Triumphant Testimony
		- Esther
		- Mordecai
		- People
	+ Conclusion

**Text - ESTHER 4:13-17**

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**Study Questions**

1. What was Haman's plot?

2. Unless the king granted special mercy, what would happen to someone who came to the king uninvited?

3. Who was Esther's spiritual mentor?

4. What three actions did Esther take in attempting to get the decree against her people reversed?

5. Describe the end of Haman.

6. How can you exercise boldness for God this week?

7. For what special problems in your life would you be willing to fast and pray for a solution?

8. Describe a time in your life when God gave you a remarkable or even a miraculous deliverance.

 **Memory Verses**

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