

## Unlikely Heroes Esther - Unlikely Boldness

“There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than the doctrine of divine sovereignty. While we confess that many things involved in this doctrine are shrouded in mystery, it’s unthinkable that Almighty God should not be Master of His own universe. Even in the affairs of a pagan empire, God is in control.” - **Charles Spurgeon**

**He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, ‘What do you mean by doing these things’?**

- King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 4:35.

**1. God in His providence prepares and places us “for just such a time as this”.** *Esther 4:13-14; Esther 4:15-17; Esther 5:1-4*

“God is preparing His heroes, and when the opportunity comes, He can fit them into their places in a moment, and the world will wonder where they came from.”

- **A.B. Simpson**

**2. Unlikely heroes risk their own safety for the well-being of others.** *Esther 4:16; “If I must die, I must die”.*

*Esther 6:1-14; Romans 8:28; Esther 7:1-6*

**3. Unlikely heroes keep pressing on for the salvation of all.**

*Esther 7:3 - “That my life and the lives of my people would be spared.” Esther 8:11*

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### Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Daniel 1

Daniel 2

Daniel 3-4

Daniel 5-6

Daniel 7-8

Daniel 9-10

Daniel 11-12

### Discussion Questions:

1. Think about your life experience and your sphere of influence. How has God prepared you, and where has he placed you? Name 5 people God has placed you with whom you could influence.

2. What have you risked for the well-being of others, ultimately to draw people to Christ? Who have you pursued intentionally lately for the purpose of loving them to Christ? Would you risk inviting someone to church?

3. We all tend to get comfortable in life. What would “pressing on for the salvation of all” look like to you? What is one “first step” you could take to press on?