

WEEK 1 – PURSUIT OF LOVE
Day 1 – Brave Love



Read what? Esther 4:12–17



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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Haman's plot to eradicate the Jews was nearly coming to fruition, and if it weren't for the bravery of Esther, all the Jews throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus would have perished. Esther's love for her people shone through, and she risked her life by standing before the king without an invite.

Fear is a natural and healthy aspect of life. It keeps us from getting too close to the edge of the Grand Canyon, or from liking an Instagram post that's two years old. Bravery is not the absence of fear, but it is doing the right thing when you have fear. There has never been a greater picture of bravery than Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him, and He desired to have the cup of death pass from Him ... but He knew that it needed to happen so that our sins could be forgiven.

Study Questions:

1. In verse 16, what did Esther ask Mordecai to do before she faced the king? Why is this significant?
2. What did Mordecai mean when he said, "For such a time as this"?

Application Questions:

1. Mordecai told Esther she was selected as Queen "for such a time as this." What situation has God placed you in that to make an impact for His Kingdom?
2. Think of a time when you were not brave. What would you do differently if you had the chance to do it again?