

Message Notes

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Favor: The Book Of Esther
Hope in God Alone
(Esther 4:15-5:14)
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Esther

"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do." Esther 4:16a (ESV)

- ◆ Esther's _____ action is to go to God.
- ◆ Fasting implies _____ and prayer implies _____. (Dan. 9:3; Ezra 8:21-23)
- ◆ Fasting is _____ for God. (Mt. 5:6)
- ◆ Esther humbles herself and _____ in God alone.

When this [fast] is done, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16b (NIV)

- ◆ Esther's fasting leads to _____ action.
- ◆ Esther has _____ faith
- ◆ Esther's confidence isn't contingent upon her _____. Her confidence is contingent upon the _____. (Dan. 3; Mt. 26)
- ◆ Don't let the _____ outweigh the character of God.

Haman

- ◆ Haman had received favor and his _____ ruins him.
- ◆ Whereas Esther hopes in _____ alone, Haman hopes in _____ alone.
- ◆ Haman is a _____.

Us

- ◆ How are _____ going to handle God's favor?
- ◆ Are we going to humble ourselves and hope in _____ alone, or are we going to hope in _____?