

A king's banquet, a queen's refusal

Esther 1:1-22

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What does King Xerxes put on display at his banquets, and what happens when Queen Vashti refuses to come?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

Human power fills this chapter, yet God is never named. Where have you assumed God was absent because he was silent?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

How will you trust God's quiet rule this week in a situation that seems controlled by powerful people?

4. Who will I tell?

Who could you tell about a God who is at work even where his name is never mentioned?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

★ Pray

God, even in a palace where no one speaks your name, you are already at work. Help me trust that you rule over kings and kingdoms — and over the details of my life.



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