

Taking Risks or  
Playing Safe –  
Esther 4:6-17

# The story of Esther

1. Powerful King & strong wife – ch.1
  2. Beauty contest – Esther is queen – ch.2
  3. The villain plots to kill all Jews – ch.3
  4. The great dilemma faced – ch.4
  5. Esther's plan – ch.5-7
  6. The Jews saved, God's plan safe – ch.8-10
- The feast of Purim is started – 9:26-32

# 1. Risk or safety – 4:6-17

- a. The danger faced – v.6-8
- b. Esther's hesitation – v.11
- c. Facing the facts – v.13,14
  - Esther is in danger
  - She is not indispensable, but she could be God's agent to save – v.14
- d. Esther's courage – v.16
- e. The salvation God brings – ch.7-9

## 2. Jesus of Nazareth

- a. The danger humankind faced
- b. The risk Jesus took
  - becoming human
  - dying on the Cross
- c. A great salvation
  - Freedom from the grip of sin, world, satan
  - Death is a conquered enemy
  - No condemnation
  - God's power to live a new life

# 3. Your story

- a. Receiving God's salvation
- b. Helping to save others
  - 1. God is the main actor/worker
  - 2. Are we available?
    - he has put us where we live, work, play..
    - are we willing to risk?

# Quotes to reflect on

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose”

( Jim Eliot )

“God calls us to trust him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if he doesn't come through” ( Francis Chan )