



**Sermon Outline  
June 4, 2023  
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**Esther  
Courageous Queen**

**Esther 4:9-16**

**\* A Holy Hero is not:**

- 1. Someone who never \_\_\_\_\_ or makes a mistake.**
- 2. Someone who's life experiences we can \_\_\_\_\_ or replicate.**

**The Holy Heroes perspective:** *Sometimes I have a tendency to come to Scripture with rose-colored lenses, viewing the people God used significantly as if they were these amazing, gifted, remarkable, extraordinary people. **I forget they had to live the spiritual life just as I do.** None of the people God used in the Bible were perfect. Some even came from sorted backgrounds, and many exhibited certain limitations. Some were initially weak in their faith and lacking in the necessary skill sets.*

**Despite all of this, God used them in significant ways.** *It's important to understand this because I often think that God can't use me the same way that He used many of these people, and that simply isn't true. I compare myself to a false standard by not looking at these people for who they really were. They were just ordinary people who allowed an extraordinary God to lead their lives, often putting His priorities ahead of their own, and choosing to serve the greater purpose. Their accomplishments, triumphs, AND defeats have been preserved for me to inspire and instruct, so **that God's destiny for my life might be fulfilled, however inconspicuous and humble it may be.***

**\* A Holy Hero is:**

- 1. Someone who overcame challenging circumstances without \_\_\_\_\_ their faith or values.**
- 2. Someone whose \_\_\_\_\_ interaction with God allowed them to be used by God for a unique purpose.**

**Romans 15:4** – For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Hebrews 12:1** - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance **the race marked out for us...**

**Holy Hero #1 – Courageous Queen Esther**

- \* Esther teaches us about the \_\_\_\_\_ of courage and faith in the face of adversity.**

**Esther 4:16b** - I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.

- \* Esther began as a nobody, became a \_\_\_\_\_ and chose to risk her own life to save everybody.**
- \* Courage is not the absence of \_\_\_\_\_, but rather the determination to take action in spite of it.**

**Esther 4:14b** - And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

- \* Are you ready for a Mordecai \_\_\_\_\_?**

*God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He 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***

- \* What danger, \_\_\_\_\_, or risk, might be keeping you from your destiny?**

*Courage is the finest of human qualities because it guarantees all the others. – **Winston Churchill***

- \* Doing the \_\_\_\_\_ often requires courage.**

**2 Timothy 3:12a** - In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

- \* Living out your \_\_\_\_\_ in this world will require courage.**