



Study Guide

Lent 2012 Sermon/Study Series
Expect More

“Take Your Next Step”

Week #5

March 25, 26, 2012

Next week: March 31/April 1 “Pollyanna & Palm Sunday”

Scripture References
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Read and reflect on the following scriptures.

Esther 4:10-16

Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

¹² When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape.¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:¹⁶ “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

Principles of Christian Freedom Seminar

This seminar has been planned to help us Expect More from God. Please consider coming as a group. Even if you aren’t able to come for the entire seminar, come for as much as you can.

Thursday, March 29, 2012, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday, March 30, 2012, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Cost \$45

What You’ll Learn:

Bitterness and Rejection: Powerful Corrosives to the Christian spirit

Fear and Anxiety: Conquering These Giants Once and for All!

Unloving Self-Bitterness: Reverse This Inside Job!

Why Doesn’t God Just Heal Me?

What is Spiritual Warfare? We are God’s Trophy But Also Satan’s Target

Living in the Kingdom of God Now! Not Later

Walking Out of Your Problems and Into Freedom!

Foundational Healing: A Father’s Blessing

Foundational Healing: A Mother’s Blessing

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Scripture

1. Read the Esther scripture.
2. Describe what actually occurs in your own words.
3. Do you think Esther really expected their prayers and fasting to make a difference?
4. How do we handle difficult situations today? When we pray, do we expect as much as Esther did?

Sermon

Neal gave us four parts of taking our next step

- Obey what you already know.
- Trust that more is at work than just yourself.
- Anticipate a place where only God can work.
- Take responsibility for your part.

1. Which of these is hardest for you? Which is easiest?
2. Can you describe a time when you experienced these steps and the outcome?
3. What situation are you facing now that might need these steps?

Life Application

If there is an area in your life where you have been wanting God to work, prayerfully consider if you should employ these four steps.

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for not obeying what I already know. I do trust that more is at work than just myself. Please do the part that only you can do and give me patience to wait on you. Then, help me take responsibility for my part. In Jesus name, amen.