



Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,
"Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power
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#19 HOLDING ON TO OUR FAITH: WHEN WE'RE AFRAID

Example: Esther

Esther 3:6 Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes ...¹³ Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to *destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and children—on a single day ...*

This decree was a _____ to _____:

Esther 4:3 In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

This decree was a _____ threat to _____, the _____:

Esther 4:12 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 your royal position for such a time as this?"

Even when the king _____ his decision, it was _____:

Esther 8:1 "For no document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked."

Esther made the decision to do the _____, even if it meant her _____:

Esther 4:15 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.*"

Pressing in:

Esther didn't stop being afraid. Instead, she chose to act despite her fear, and rallied her friends and family around her to pray for her as she spoke to the king. If you keep reading her story, you'll see that Esther does in fact speak to the king and saves her people. Even though she kept being afraid, she pushed through anyway because her faith in the purpose for which God chose her was greater than her fear. *Deep Spirituality*

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. *Maranatha Singers, Praise 6*

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.⁴ In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Living by faith in Jesus above, trusting, confiding in his great love,
From all harm safe in his sheltering arm, I'm living by faith and feel no alarm. *James Wells*



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