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Chapter 6: Esther's Finest Hour

"It reminds me of something C.S. Lewis said about the importance of being loyal to a cause that is greater than ourselves."

~ What cause are you loyal to? _____

A Silent Yet Eloquent Interlude Pages 96-100

~ In what ways do you teach your children to stand up for what they believe?

~ In what ways are you teaching your grandchildren how to be people of character, regardless? _____

~ In what ways are you modeling authentic character? _____

"During a waiting period, God is not only working in our hearts, He's working in other's hearts. And all the while He is giving added strength."

~ Looking back during a previous waiting period, what was God doing in your heart?





1) We gain new _____.

“While waiting, amazingly, we exchange our weakness for His strength.”

2) We get a better _____.

3) We store up extra _____.

4) We will deepen our _____ to _____.

“A Calm, Wise, Confident Plan”
Pages 100-104

“God can handle anyone. Anyone!”

~ Who in your life are you struggling to “handle” that you need to give over to God so

He can “handle” them? _____

“We get in a hurry when we don’t wait on the Lord. We jump ahead and do rash things. We shoot from the hip. We run off at the mouth, saying things that we later regret.”

~ Tell of a time that this describes you.



"But when we have sufficiently waited on the Lord, He gets full control of our spirit."

~ Tell of a time that this describes you.

"Too many Christians are lulled into languor. Some can warble all the Christian songs, and recite all the right Bible verses, and quote this preacher and that teacher, but their Christian lives, down deep inside, are jaded."

~ Are you in that condition? -----

"When that happens, you become calloused and insensitive, and you're in for a life of boredom and mediocrity."

~ What can you do if your heart is in this condition? -----

"The walk of faith is designed to be a walk of adventure, filled with periodic and delightful surprises."

~ Are you still open to the unexpected? -----

~ Are you really waiting on the Lord to do His will? -----

"A Proud and Sinister Response"
Pages 104-107

~ Can you sense when God is at work? -----

~ Do you know when God is going to do something great? -----

"With all this glory and wealth and power that Haman has, you would think he'd be satisfied. But people like this are never satisfied."

~ Does this describe you? -----

~ Are you satisfied with your life and circumstances? -----



Some Direct and Timely Advice
Pages 107-110

Dealing with Difficult Situations

1) When preparing for an _____ event, wait on the Lord before getting _____.

“...during the waiting period, don’t try to take things in your own hands.
Restrain your tendency to ‘move things along’.”

2) When dealing with an _____ person, count on the Lord to open doors and _____.

3) When working through an _____ situation, trust the Lord for enduring _____.

4) When standing against an _____ enemy, ask the Lord for _____ courage.

