



Trusting God When it Counts

Joseph and Esther



Joseph



Esther

- Both Young people living in a foreign land
- Both kept their identities a secret
- Both maintained their faith in God
- God used them to save His people



Joseph

Genesis 50:20

Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.



Esther

Esther 4:14

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

Joseph trusted God in Egypt

Refused to sin with Potiphar's wife

- Gen 39:9-12 How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"¹⁰ So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her.

Faithfully served God while in jail

- Gen 39:21-23 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison... and whatever he did, the LORD made *it* prosper.

How Joseph trusted God

He gave God credit for interpreting dreams

- Gen 41:16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*”

He followed God’s plan in preparing for famine

- Gen 41:48 So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them.

Esther trusted God to save her people

She recognized the opportunity to help her people

- Esther 4:14 if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

She fasted and trusted God to risk her life

- 4:16 Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

How we show our trust in God

When others tempt us to sin

- 1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

When among those who do not believe

- Phil 2:15-16 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

How we show our trust in God

Willing to help others when opportunities arise

- Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Willing to make sacrifices to fulfill God's mission

- Luke 9:23 “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross [\[a\]](#)daily, and follow Me.



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