

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## Esther: Strong In Courage

The book of Esther, nestled in the Old Testament, tells a captivating story of courage, faith, and divine providence. Among its many verses, Esther 4:16 stands out as a powerful testament to the strength of conviction and the willingness to act in the face of adversity. This verse encapsulates the essence of Esther's resolve as she prepares to risk her life to save her people, showcasing the profound themes of bravery and purpose that resonate with us even today.

The meaning of Esther 4:16 is deeply significant, encapsulating themes of sacrifice, communal support, and divine intervention. Esther's call for fasting among her people reflects her understanding of the power of prayer and collective action. By asking the Jews to fast, she is not merely seeking physical sustenance but is invoking spiritual strength that can only come from a united front before God.

The phrase "if I perish, I perish" reveals Esther’s willingness to accept the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of her people. This illustrates a profound level of faith and courage, emphasizing that true leadership often involves putting the needs of others before one's own safety. The verse serves as a reminder of the importance of standing firm in faith, even when faced with overwhelming challenges.

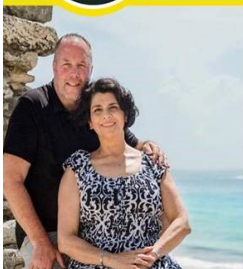
Esther 4:16 invites us to engage in a deep reflection on the nature of courage and faith in our own lives. In a world where we often face moral dilemmas and challenges that require us to stand up for our beliefs, this verse encourages us to consider how we can take action for the greater good, even when it feels daunting.

Esther’s declaration, "if I perish, I perish," challenges us to evaluate our own willingness to sacrifice for others. Are we prepared to take risks in the name of justice, compassion, and love? This verse serves as a call to action, urging us to gather support from our communities—just as Esther called on her fellow Jews to fast and pray.

Resource: [bibleverseexplained.com](http://bibleverseexplained.com)

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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### PRAISE

- Praise God for continued opportunities to share the Gospel, including 6 people trusting Christ during street evangelism near the hospital.
- Praise God for Ian and Alexa accepting Christ as Savior at a recent church service at the main church.
- Praise God for growth in the Bible College, with 7 new students added in the last two weeks.

### PRAY

- Pray for the baptisms and discipleship of the new believers, that they would grow strong in their faith.
- Pray for more laborers for the harvest in Mexico and around the world as they continue praying daily from Matthew 9:38.
- Pray for upcoming ministry opportunities, including World Cup outreach in Mexico City, summer children's ministry, youth camps, and growth in the Christian school (84 student in August 2026).

## KEY VERSE

Esther 4:16 (NKJV)

*“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!”*

Read Esther 4:13-17 Every Day

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Esther 4:16

#### Introduction

1. How should we be inspired by Esther 4:16? How many of us are *willing* to risk our lives for our people?
2. Paragraphs 4 and 5 on page 1 call us to reflect on the faith and courage in our own lives. Who has set *this* example for YOU in your life?

### Tuesday: Isaiah 46:10; Esther 4:16

#### Know Biblical Facts

3. What is Isaiah 46:10 conveying to us as believers? *Who* has “*declared the end from the beginning?*” *Whose* “*counsel shall stand?*”
4. Esther calls her people to fast for her as she intends to approach the king. An act that could result in her death. *Who* is the evil force at work here?

### Wednesday: Esther 1:1-4, 2:6-7, 10, 3:1

#### Understand The Characters Of The Story

5. Who was Mordecai to Esther according to Esther 2:7? What “*role*” did he *take over* in Esther’s life? Is there a “*Mordecai*” in your life?
6. What was Mordecai’s background according to Esther 2:6? What happened to him according to this verse?

### Thursday: Esther 2:9, 10, 17

#### Act Courageously: Obey Totally & Serve Faithfully: Beauty & Grace

7. As Mordecai became like a father figure to Esther, how did she *honor* that relationship with her actions in Esther 2:10?
8. How does Esther demonstrate amazing beauty and grace under tremendous pressure In Esther 2:9?
9. What did Esther receive from the king’s hand according to Esther 2:17? What was her reward for her beauty and grace?

### Friday: Esther 7:3-4, 9:26-28

#### Act Courageously: Plan Wisely & Celebrate Joyfully

10. Esther acts as an amazingly courageous and steadfast servant to her people through her appeal to the king. (Esther 7:3-4) Are YOU doing the same?
11. How many opportunities have we had to step up and defend our faith or our friends but didn’t? How has reading about Esther inspired YOU do so?
12. What celebration was introduced to the Jewish faith in Esther 9:26-28? What are they celebrating the memory of?