

## Anticipation

When is anticipation fun? When is it dreadful?

Read Esther 5:1-14.

1. What do you do when you want to look your best?
  - A. Dress up in my nicest outfit.
  - B. Spend a lot of time primping.
  - C. Get input from lots of people.
  - D. Go shopping for a new outfit.
  - E. Meditate and cleanse my soul.
  - F. It's all about the hair.
  - G. I don't worry too much about this type of thing.
  - H. Other.
  
2. What emotions do you think Esther felt going in to the king uninvited?
  - A. Fear.
  - B. Confidence.
  - C. Hope.
  - D. Uncertainty.
  - E. Calmness.
  - F. Eagerness.
  - G. Anger.
  - H. Courage.
  - I. Other.
  
3. When given an offer of "up to half of the kingdom," why did Esther simply ask for a dinner date at her place?
  - A. She was too flabbergasted to do anything else.
  - B. She was an awesome cook.
  - C. Her plan included getting the king a bit drunk.
  - D. This turned the tables and put her in the power position.
  - E. She wanted Haman to be present as well.
  - F. Esther knew the king was a sucker for anticipation.
  - G. She had plenty of "stuff" and did not wish for more.
  - H. Her request needed to be on her turf.
  - I. Other.

4. What was so special about Esther's feast?
  - A. The items on the menu.
  - B. New recipes.
  - C. An extremely limited guest list.
  - D. She was trying a new vegan recipe.
  - E. By the end, she had the king eating out of her hand.
  - F. The king didn't have to pay for it.
  - G. Both the king and Haman got fully baited.
  - H. Other.
  
5. Where is a safe place for you to brag?
  - A. Nowhere.
  - B. Anywhere.
  - C. On social media.
  - D. In silent prayer.
  - E. To my best friend.
  - F. In adding to other people's posts about me.
  - G. I have a few places where it's safe for me to brag.
  - H. I rely on others to brag for me.
  - I. Other.
  
6. Why did Haman set up the gallows?
  - A. He wasn't going to take the disrespect from Mordecai any longer.
  - B. So he could fully relish the next high-level invitation-only feast.
  - C. His wife suggested it.
  - D. His friends encouraged him to do so.
  - E. It was part of God's overall plan to turn evil into good.
  - F. His "shrink" told him to finish the Mordecai matter once and for all.
  - G. It's Proverbs 26:27 all over again.
  - H. Other.
  
7. Who can easily push your buttons? How?
  
  
  
8. If you were offered "up to half of the kingdom," what would be your request?