



UNLIKELY HEROES – Pt. 6  
The Impact of a Godly Father

New Horizon Church

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1. Provide a \_\_\_\_\_ home.

**Esther 2:7 (NLT)**, “This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, **Mordecai adopted her** into his family and **raised her as his own daughter.**”

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2. Prepare them for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Esther 2:9-11 (NLT)**, “<sup>9</sup>Hegai was **very impressed with Esther** and treated her kindly. He quickly ordered a special menu for her and provided her with beauty treatments. He also assigned her seven maids specially chosen from the king’s palace, and he moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem. <sup>10</sup>**Esther had not told anyone of her nationality** and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so. <sup>11</sup>Every day **Mordecai would take a walk near the courtyard** of the harem to find out about Esther and what was happening to her.”

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3. Display a faithful \_\_\_\_\_.

**Esther 2:21-23 (NLT)**, “<sup>21</sup>One day as Mordecai was on duty at the king’s gate, two of the king’s eunuchs, Bigthana and Teresh, who were guards at the door of the king’s private quarters, became angry at King Xerxes and **plotted to assassinate him.** <sup>22</sup>But Mordecai heard about the plot and gave the information to Queen Esther. She then told the king about it and **gave Mordecai credit for the report.** <sup>23</sup>When an investigation was made and Mordecai’s story was found to be true, the two men were impaled on a sharpened pole. **This was all recorded** in The Book of the History of King Xerxes’ Reign.”

**Esther 3:5-6 (NLT)**, “<sup>5</sup>When Haman saw that **Mordecai would not bow down** or show him respect, he was filled with rage. <sup>6</sup>He had learned of Mordecai’s nationality, so he decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone. Instead, **he looked for a way to destroy all the Jews** throughout the entire empire of Xerxes.”

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ them to live for God.

**Esther 4:10-16 (NLT)**, “<sup>10</sup>Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: <sup>11</sup>“All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that **anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die** unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.” <sup>12</sup>So Hathach gave Esther’s message to Mordecai.” <sup>13</sup>Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. <sup>14</sup>If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. **Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?**” <sup>15</sup>Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup>“Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, **I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.**”

**Esther 10:1-3 (NLT)**, “King Xerxes imposed a tribute throughout his empire, even to the distant coastlands. <sup>2</sup>His great achievements and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are recorded in The Book of the History of the Kings of Media and Persia. <sup>3</sup>**Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself.** He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high esteem, because **he continued to work for the good of his people and to speak up for the welfare of all their descendants.**”

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