



LESSON 10: Take a stand Esther 5:1-8

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Read Matthew 10:16-33.

Okay, I don't want anyone to have a panic attack here, but we need to be aware of what Jesus told us. How can we be both innocent as doves and wise as serpents?

Why is that necessary?

What will men do to us for His sake?

Why does Jesus remind us that we are not above our master?

Even knowing that this is what we face, why does Jesus tell us not to fear men?

Who is it that knows us so intimately as to know the exact number of hairs on our heads?

Why should that comfort you and help you to trust in Him?

Who must we cling to always?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:25-31. How does the wisest man compare to God?

How does the strongest man compare to God?

Why would God choose to use the weak and foolish men to accomplish His purpose?

What then, can we boast of?

Read Isaiah 40:28-31. Isaiah is contrasting God's characteristics with man's characteristics here. All men, at some time, get weary, but God does not.

Who are we to wait for?

What will happen when we wait for Him?

Why will those things happen? (Hint: remember what you can boast in)

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to forgive you for the times when you've come to Him dictating how you want things done instead of asking Him what His will is. Ask Him to help you to be more aware of how your agenda gets in the way of your waiting on Him and His timing. Ask Him for the prompting to go to Him and seek His will in all your ways.

Remember Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." Ask Him to help you to lean NOT on your own understanding today. Ask Him to help you to acknowledge Him in all your ways and to make your paths straight to Him.