"Don't Be in Such a Hurry"

Esther 5:1-14 October 19, 2014

What is happening in the white space between Chapters 4 and 5?

For three days, Esther and the Jews in Susa are fasting and praying and waiting on God.

Four Things Happen When We Wait on the Lord:

- I. We gain new strength. (Isaiah 40:31a)
- 2. We get a better perspective. (Isaiah 40:31b)
- 3. We supernaturally get new energy. (Isaiah 40:31c)
- 4. We persevere through the trial. (Isaiah 40:31d)

Three Principles in Dealing with Difficult Circumstances:

- 1. When preparing for an unprecedented event, wait on the Lord before you act.
- 2. When dealing with an unpredictable person like King Ahasuerus, <u>count on the Lord</u> to work on their heart.
- 3. When coming against an unprincipled enemy, ask the Lord for <u>invincible courage</u> and be <u>patient</u> for His timing.