

Welcome to the
eighteenth week of
25 Weeks of Advent!

The stories of Advent all give us some insight as to the point and value of Jesus' life for us.

Esther is renowned for her courage, risking death for the chance to bring life to others.

What risks do you take to bring life to others?

What risks do you need to start taking to bring life to others?



Readings for your Week

*Freely you have received,
freely give—with boldness and
courage!*

Matthew 10:5—42

God's Spirit in us gives us power
2 Timothy 1:7—14

*Have courage to live a life that
brings God glory through
suffering for the gospel!*
Philippians 1:12—30

For reading out aloud:
Joshua 1: 7—9
Psalm 121

Week 18: A Bridge to the King

Read: Esther

Esther, an orphan, grew to be King Xerxes' queen. In the inner circle of the throne, Esther had a special opportunity to intervene for the sake of her people. A new law said that all of Esther's people were to be killed. Esther's uncle, Mordecai, sent a message to Esther—"Look into the eyes of God's children outside the palace gate. Listen to the cries of God's children outside the gate. You, Esther, are the only one who can go to the king and help save us. This is the moment you were made for:
use the life you've been given to give others life."

King Xerxes could have had Esther killed if she approached him without his asking to see her—but, Esther decided, "I will go—and if I die, I die." Esther became the bridge—and her people were saved. This is like Jesus, who became the bridge between us and God; Jesus was willing and he died to save us.

Christmas is about unwrapping the greatest gift—the love of Jesus, born to us, through whom we would have life forever with God.
Will you extend the opportunity to others this Christmas?

Right now, there's a boy digging for food in a garbage heap in India. Right now, a girl is crying for food in Uganda. Right now, a child in Afghanistan is going to sleep having never heard the name of Jesus.

This is the time for which you were created: *use the life you've been given to give others life.*

Will you be brave, and be the bridge to someone who needs Jesus this Christmas?

