

Read Esther 7:1-5

1 So the King and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet.

2 At this second banquet, while they were drinking wine, the King again said to Esther, "Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"

3 Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor with the King, and if it pleases the King to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared.

4 For my people and I have been handed over to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king."

5 "Who would do such a thing?" King Xerxes demanded. "Who would be so disrespectful as to touch you?"

Where did the King and Haman go next (v. 1)? To Esther's second banquet.

What did the King ask Esther again (v. 2)? What do you want? Again he said he would give her anything she wanted including half of his kingdom.

How did Esther answer? What did she ask the King for (v. 3)? She didn't want half of his kingdom. What she really wanted was for the King to spare the lives of her and her fellow Jews. Esther was very unselfish. She wasn't just thinking about herself. And she was bold/not timid.

How did she describe the trouble of her people the Jews (v. 4)? It's not like they'd been sold as slaves which would not be so terrible, but they had been handed over to someone who would kill them and wipe out every last Jew.

What did the King ask her (v. 5)? Who would be crazy enough to do something like that to you?