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How is Your Wireless Connection?

Like many of you, I read the pithy sayings on T-shirts and sweatshirts. I have a sweatshirt that is dear to my heart, which says, "I Survived the Sixties Twice." It's a short, one-liner about my life, and it makes me and others smile. This fall I was at a Woman's Retreat Up North and was surprised by this saying on a T-shirt, "I want to be so full of Christ that if a mosquito bites me, it flies away singing 'There's Power in the Blood.'" My favorite one, however is, "Prayer: The Strongest Wireless Connection." So true!

In a Bible study where I live we are studying the women of the Bible. Last week we discussed Esther, the Queen of Persia. After losing both parents, her older cousin Mordecai, raised her. King Xerxes banished his first wife, Vashti from his palace and needed to find a replacement. He held a beauty pageant and Esther was the most beautiful one and his favorite. He crowned her the Queen of Persia. Haman, a high-ranking nobleman (a verzier) walks "on stage" and demanded that Mordecai bow to him (this meant his forehead touched the ground before his feet). Mordecai only gave this kind of allegiance to the one true God, Yahweh. He refused, so Haman wanted Mordecai hung and the Jewish people killed.

Desperate by this turn of events, Mordecai persuaded Esther to save her people by talking to King Xerxes and convincing him to save her people. At first, Esther wanted nothing to do with this because more than likely she would be executed. Mordecai reminded her of her importance, "who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) This turned Esther's life upside down. She thought it was the King of Persia who chose her, but actually it was God who was ordering her steps. Boldly she steps out in faith. "When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16b)

Here is the catch. Esther is smart. Humbled by her mission, she asked Mordecai to call all the Jews together for three days of fasting and prayer. Esther

understood she needed the power of God to protect her. So, all the Jewish people came together to cry out for God's help, and He heard their cries.

The next remarkable answer to prayer was that King Xerxes was inspired (by God) to read some boring political documents. From his readings, he discovered that Mordecai revealed a plot to kill him and thereby, saved his life. The king hailed Mordecai as a hero and the gallows that were meant for Mordecai were used instead to hang Haman and the lives of the Jewish people were spared.

The prayers of God's people were heard. The unity of God's people through prayer is a heritage we enjoy today. At our moments of greatest crisis, we reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we experience an IMMEDIATE, WIRELESS CONNECTION!
Praise God!

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