# The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

# Proverbs

18:10

# **Fathers** For Such A Time As This

# Lesson #1 – Standing Up Instead of Bowing to Pressure.

7 He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. 8 So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed, and when many young women were gathered in Susa the citadel in custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put in custody of Hegai, who had charge of the women.

### Esther 2:7-11

9 And the young woman pleased him and won his favor. And he quickly provided her with her cosmetics and her portion of food, and with seven chosen young women from the king's palace, and advanced her and her young women to the best place in the harem. 10 Esther had not made known her people or kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her not to make it known. 11 And every day Mordecai walked in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and what was happening to her.

#### Esther 2:7-11

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# Lesson #2 – Standing Up Instead of Bowing to Fear.

13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

### Esther 4:13-14

# Lesson #2 – Standing Up Instead of Bowing to Fear.

# Am I Willing to Stand Up?