1. From the comments in verses 4-5, was Esther aware of Mordecai’s “condition”. Was she aware of the king’s edict?
2. At the point where the edict was made, how much time did the Jews have to prepare for their annihilation? (See 3:7)
3. With what problem did Esther report back to Mordecai as she responded to his request? What was at risk for Esther?
4. Explain in your own words Mordecai’s response to Esther in verses 12-14.
5. Explain how verse 14b ties in with the providence of our God.
6. We have discussed in class that God is never mentioned in the book of Esther. If you were speaking to a critic or a cynic who would find fault with this book, how could you use verse 16 to refute the canonicity of Esther?
7. What can we learn about faith from Esther’s attitude displayed in verse 16?