

Part 4 | Me, Myself, and I

Of all the people we meet in the book of Esther, Haman is the least attractive. He is completely devoted to himself. And yet before we dismiss him, it might be wise to take a closer look. Is there any possible way in which you and I are like him? If so, what can we do about it?

Scripture: Esther 5-10

Bottom Line: A life devoted to self ultimately leaves you alone.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Describe someone you've known whom you consider selfish. To what extent did their selfishness isolate them from other people?
- 2. What aspects of a person's selfishness do you find most difficult to relate to?
- 3. If you were Haman's friend, how would you have counseled him to lose his self-focus? What advice would you have given him?
- 4. Do you see any of Haman's characteristics in yourself (even a little)?
- 5. How does the humility of Jesus inspire and teach you to live beyond yourself?
- 6. What is one way you can yield your will to the needs of others this week?

Moving Forward

If you're interested in learning more about your own level of self-focus, take Dr. Drew Pinsky's Narcissism Test online <u>for free here</u>. Make any high scoring areas matters of prayer. And if need be, see a Christian counselor to explore the issue further.

Changing Your Mind

Haman thought to himself, "Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?"

Esther 6:6 (NLT)