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Now there was in the citadel of Susa a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, named Mordeci son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish who had been carried into exile from Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, among those taken captive with Jehoiachin, king of Judah.

- Esther 2:5



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Mordeci had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had no father or mother. This girl, who was also known as Esther, was lovely in form and features, and Mordeci had taken her as his own daughter when her father and mother had died.

- Esther 2:7



INFLUENCE Factor #1: **RESPONSIBILITY**



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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

- II Corinthians 1:3

INFLUENCE Factor #1: RESPONSIBILITY



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Everyday he walked back and forth near the courtyard of the harem to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her.

- Esther 2:11

INFLUENCE Factor #1: RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Dad

You've been busy
so I can't hang out
with you anymore.
~~I miss~~
you.

Please come into
my bedroom tonight
so we can find
a solution.

Love, Ah You...

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She asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her.

- Esther 2:15

INFLUENCE Factor #1: RESPONSIBILITY



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But Esther had kept her secret of her family background and nationality, just as Mordecai had told her to do, for she continued to follow Mordecai's instructions as she had done when he was bringing her up.

- Esther 2:20

**INFLUENCE Factor #2:
WISDOM THROUGH COUNSEL**



Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.

- Proverbs 15:22

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For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisors make victory sure.

- Proverbs 11:14

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After these events King Xerxes honored Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, elevating him and giving him a seat of honor higher than that of all the other nobles.

- Esther 3:1

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Then Haman said to King Xerxes, “There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people, who do not obey the king’s laws; it is not in the best interest to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them.”

- Esther 3:8-9

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When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly . . . there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting weeping and wailing.

- Esther 4:1-3

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Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

- Esther 4:14

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give your hope and a future.

- Jeremiah 29:11

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Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.

- Esther 10:3

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