



**Conviction**

**CONVICTION** = a strong certainty; firmly held belief or opinion; fully persuaded

Can convictions control circumstances?  
Only **SOMETIMES**.

- Even if Mordecai had been convicted that it was wrong for Esther to enter the “queen contest”, there was nothing he could do about it.
- As for himself (bowing down to Haman), Mordecai could control that circumstance.

# CONVICTION

- a) I believe in something
- b) I stand up for that something
- c) I refuse to contradict myself by allowing what is opposed to that something.

To be a person of conviction is **REWARDING**

*I am not ashamed because I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. (II Timothy 1:12)*

To be a person of conviction is **RELAXING**

*These are the kind [of people] who are  
always learning but never able to  
acknowledge the truth. (II Timothy 3:7)*

To be a person of conviction is **RISKY**

*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead  
... This is my gospel for which I am suffering  
and chained like a criminal. (II Timothy 2:8)*

Mordecai – cared MORE about what was right  
- cared LESS about consequences



**I CANNOT STOP YOU, BUT I DO  
NOT HAVE TO JOIN YOU!**

This power of personal choice is given by  
God to **every** person

It is often **ignored** because of a lack/absence  
of deep convictions

**Where Does Conviction Come From?**

**Trust in source of information**

**Exercise of reason, logic, “common sense”**

Personal **observation** and **experience**