

## **The Life of Esther Ahn Kim (Ahn Ei-Sook)**

*Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16)*

1919 – Born

1937-1945 – The “Dark Ages” of Korea

1939 – Esther before the shrine. Preparation for life in jail.

1939 – Esther and Elder Park travel to Japan, sent back to Korea.

1939 – Esther in prison

1945 – Esther released

### Lessons from her life

1. The importance of spiritual disciplines
2. Living simply
3. Compassion for others
4. Dependence on God alone
5. Christ is enough

If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up. (Daniel 3:17-18)

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:11-12)

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Peter 4:13-14)

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 2:3)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18)

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

*"I was not going to live my youthful life for myself. I would offer it to the Lord and bear witness of him. I was filled with happiness for having been born in this age of bitterness."*