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**BEHIND THE SCENES**  
**Part 6: The Crucial Conversation**  
Esther 7-8:11  
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**Revealing the Critical Issue, Esther 7: 1-6a**

**What can we learn from Esther's approach?**

1. All crucial conversations should be covered in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When having a crucial conversation, all the \_\_\_\_\_ people need to be in the room.
3. Crucial conversations should be conducted in a \_\_\_\_\_ environment.
4. It is critical to have some sort of relational \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Share the facts without making \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If necessary, be \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Initial Response, Esther 7: 6b-10**

**What can we learn about people's responses?**

1. There may be some \_\_\_\_\_ to one's own responsibilities.
2. There may be strong \_\_\_\_\_ responses.
3. Remember: Sometimes what goes \_\_\_\_\_ comes around.

### **The Request, Esther 8: 1-11**

1. When having a crucial conversation, never lose sight of the \_\_\_\_\_ goal.
2. Remember that the goal of a crucial conversation is about the \_\_\_\_\_ good.
3. Find \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.

### **Closing Thoughts on Our Study of Esther**

1. Not all crucial conversations end well.
2. The crucial conversations that go bad are often with those we love the most.
3. One person's courage can influence and impact many lives.
4. Sometimes the darkest moments in our lives are preparation for the dawning of a new day.
5. Ultimately, God does not let His people down.
6. He is always at work behind the scenes.

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. Is there a crucial conversation you have been putting off? If so, how will you approach it now?
2. Is there value in having a crucial conversation that does not go well? If so, what is it?
3. Give an example of someone you know who tried to have a crucial conversation without any relational equity. How did it turn out?
4. What are some ways you and your family can create a safe environment for crucial conversations that you have?

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