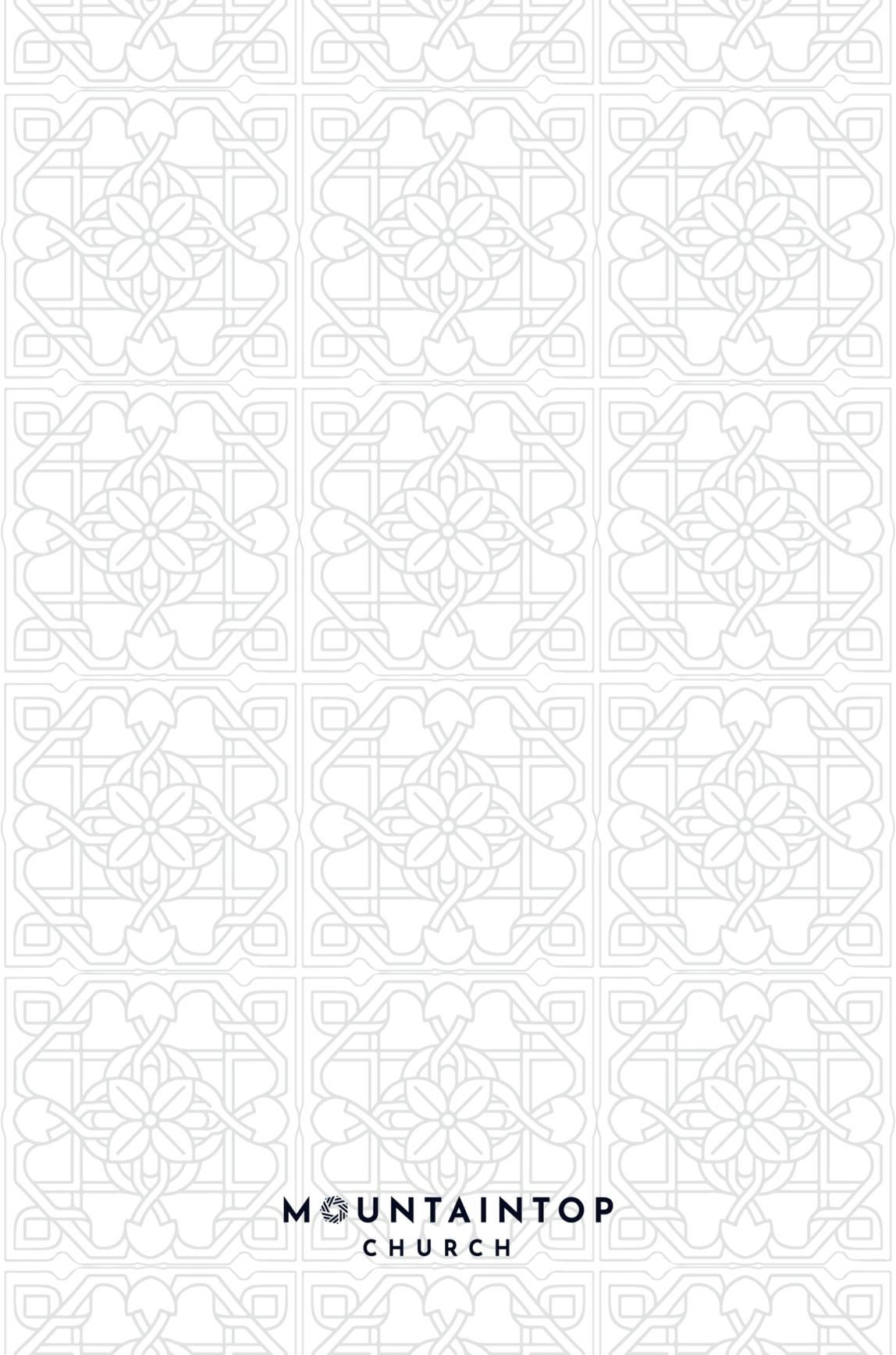


DISCOVERING MY DESTINY



The Call & Courage of

Queen Esther 



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RESOURCES

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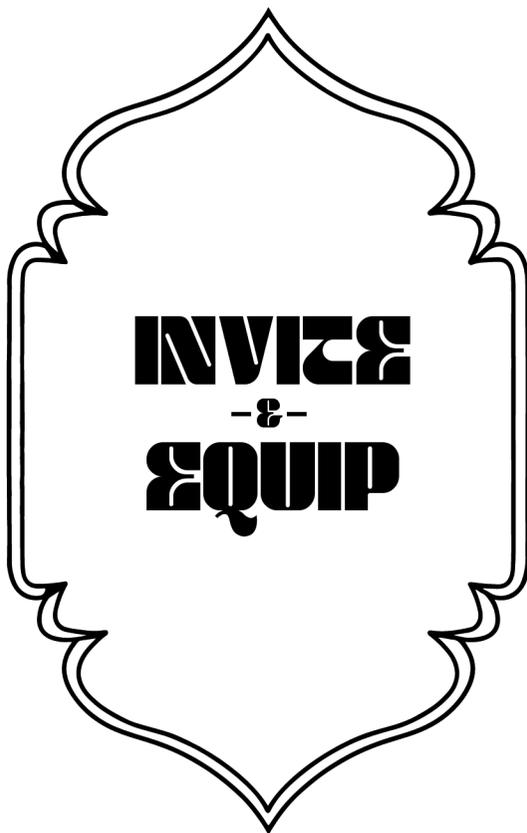
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A NOTE FROM CARTER

Have you been called for such a time as this? Not many of us have such a monumental moment in our lives that we can point to as the defining moment of our generation. Esther did. Her moment would place her in history or infamy among her people – God’s people – The Israelites. Her story is wrought with tension, uncertainty, and, eventually, courage.

But we do have defining moments.

And we never know when they’re going to come. Sometimes, we know they’re big. Other times, we don’t figure out how important they were until later. Nevertheless, we all have moments when faith and obedience will require courage. It will cost us something. It is uncertain if things will go our way. But...

The right thing is simply the right thing.

The faithful thing is simply the faithful thing.

It’s not that we don’t know what to do. It’s that we don’t know if we can muster up the faith and courage to do it.

Esther felt that, and she rose to the occasion like few in history. Her story is immortalized in a book of the Old Testament that bears her name. God wove a story together that placed her in a unique position where she could make a difference, if she chose to.

Where I think our story intersects with Esther’s is that our God-given destiny – what He wants FOR our lives – will require, at some point, a step of faith. His call on our life will demand courage from us to step into it. And just like Esther, what we do in that moment, might determine our part in the story God is writing.

Carter McInnis
Lead Pastor

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Whether you're completing this as a group or an individual, we want you to get the most out of spending time Engaging with Scripture.

We want you to walk away not just believing new things, but with a new way of living. With that in mind, every week the questions are broken down into three sections:



HEAD CHANGE (Understanding)

Here we are seeking new **knowledge**. These questions will focus on understanding the passage and uncovering the truths that it seeks to teach us.



HEART CHANGE (Belief/Emotional Response)

In this section, we are trying to develop new **convictions**. Not just information, but beliefs. How does what we have learned shape how we see ourselves and the world? How does it rewire our desires? How does it challenge and convict us?



HABIT CHANGE (Action/Practice)

To wrap up each week we will discuss how the selected story calls us to new **actions**. Engaging Scripture is always about surrendering our lives to God. So, here we are moving beyond mere information to transformation. With these questions, we are in search of tangible steps that we can take to look, sound, and act more like Jesus.

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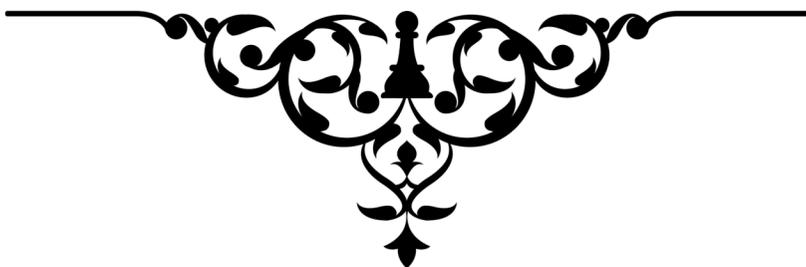
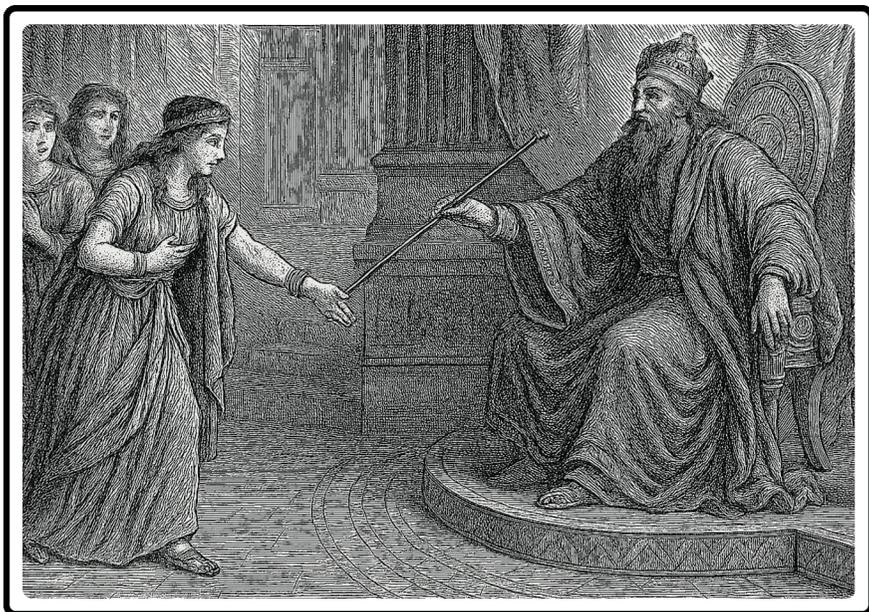
The events of Esther are set during the Persian Empire, most likely during the reign of King Xerxes I (also known as Ahasuerus), who ruled from 486–465 BC. The Persian Empire was the dominant world power of the time, stretching from India to Egypt, including the land of Israel. The Jewish people featured in the story are those who did not return to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile but remained scattered throughout the Persian provinces.

After Babylon conquered Judah and destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC, many Jews were exiled. Even after Persia conquered Babylon and allowed some exiles to return home (see Ezra and Nehemiah), a large Jewish population remained in the East. Esther and her cousin Mordecai are examples of Jews living outside of Israel, navigating life and faith in a foreign, pagan context.

King Xerxes, known for his opulence and power, held elaborate banquets and lived in a palace in Susa, the Persian capital (Esther 1:2 NIV). The empire was known for its complex court protocols, vast bureaucracy, and the unpredictable power of the king, which is reflected in the story when Xerxes quickly deposes Queen Vashti and later elevates Esther.

The book of Esther captures the vulnerability of Jews in a foreign land, facing threats like Haman's genocidal plot.

Esther's story also explains the origins of the Jewish festival Purim, which commemorates the Jewish people's deliverance from destruction. This is significant historically because it establishes a festival not rooted in the Temple or in the land of Israel, but in the experience of Jews living among the nations. Purim is still celebrated today among Jews in remembrance of God's mighty acts in the Book of Esther.



Esther goes to the King Xerxes

HOW TO READ THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The book of Esther might be one of the most surprising books in the Bible. On the surface, it reads like an epic story: you've got a bold heroine, a villain you love to hate, dramatic reversals of fortune, poetic justice, and yes—even a happy ending. It's got all the makings of a great story. But there's one thing missing: **God's name is never mentioned. Not even once.**

That raises a big question: *Is this book really about God at all?*

Who Was the Book Written For?

The story takes place in the Persian Empire, after the Jewish people had been scattered from their homeland. Some had returned to Jerusalem, but many were still living under foreign kings, trying to figure out how to hold onto their identity and faith.

The original audience of Esther would have been those Jews in exile—people who were asking, "Where is God in all of this?" Does He still care about us? The book answered those questions not by shouting, but by whispering: **God is at work with purpose, even when He feels hidden.**

A Story Built With Purpose

The author of Esther tells the story with incredible intentionality. The book is constructed with a mirrored symmetry. The story moves down into crisis and then reverses back up into resolution.

- At first, everything looks bleak. Our heroes seem hopeless and doomed to fail.
- But then comes the pivot point in chapter 6, and everything changes.

The shape of the story itself communicates something powerful: history is not random or meaningless. There is order, there is intention, and there is a God-given purpose moving the story forward.

Why Esther Still Matters

Esther is anything but secular. By never mentioning God directly, the book trains us to look harder—to see His fingerprints in coincidences, reversals, and quiet moments of courage. It's like the author is saying: This is how life really works. God's name may not always be front and center. His presence may feel hidden. But His purpose is always unfolding.

Michael V. Fox captures it beautifully:

"When we scrutinize the text of Esther for traces of God's activity, we are doing what the author has made us do. The author would have us probe the events we witness in our own lives in the same way. He is teaching a theology of possibility. The willingness to face history with an openness to the possibility of divine purpose, even when history seems to weigh against its likelihood... In this way, the book offers a stance of profound faith." [1]

Reading Esther For Yourself

So how should you read Esther?

- Watch for great reversals and irony. The tables keep turning—what looks like defeat often becomes victory.
- Look for God's hidden movements. The "coincidences" are not random; they're purposeful.
- Let those moments train your eyes to look for God's subtle hand in your own life.

The book of Esther builds in us a muscle of faith: the ability to trust God's purpose even when it's not obvious, to believe He's still writing the story—even in exile, even in silence, even in the mess.

[1] Michael V. Fox, *Character and Ideology in the Book of Esther*.

WEEK ONE

Becoming A Queen

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Esther 1:1-2:18



*Esther
won the favor
of everyone
who saw her*



- Esther 2:15b

WEEK 1

BECOMING A QUEEN

Topic _____

Discovering My Destiny: The Call & Courage of Queen Esther

Opening Question _____

Share about a time in your life when you found yourself in circumstances you didn't choose. How did you respond, and what did you learn about yourself?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Esther 1:1–2:18

Discussion Questions _____



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. What stands out to you most about the way Esther's story begins in the Bible? Why do you think God chose someone with her background for such an important purpose?

2. How does Esther’s experience and the cultural context of Persia shape your understanding of her challenges (Esther 1:1–2:18 NIV)?
3. The king and society in Esther’s time placed little value on women’s voices or agency. How might God’s perspective on value and destiny differ from the world’s standards today?



HEART CHANGE

(Belief/Emotional Response)

1. When have you felt like circumstances were out of your control? How did you see God working in those moments?
2. Esther’s circumstances were shaped by things out of her control—her exile, ethnicity, gender, and orphan status. How do you respond to aspects of your own life that you didn’t choose?
3. How do you balance trusting God’s plan for your destiny with making your own choices each day? Where do you see God’s guidance and your choices intersecting?



HABIT CHANGE

(Action/Practice)

1. Mordecai’s role in the story is one of support and care. Sometimes, we may not be the one being called to the courageous act. We are the one being called to care for others. How might you encourage the call of God in the lives of others this week?
2. Reflect on the idea that “destiny is not determined by chances, but by choices.” In what small ways can you make faithful choices this week that might shape your future?
3. Esther faced unimaginable pressures and risks, yet she moved forward. What risk or step of faith is God calling you to in your current season?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Circumstances, surroundings, and situations often choose us.
- We only control who we are within our circumstances.
- Destiny is discovered by faithfully taking the next right step, not by waiting for a big moment.
- Esther’s story shows a “nobody” can become “somebody” for “everybody”—through difficult and risky choices.

Next Steps _____

- **Reflect:** Identify a circumstance you cannot control this week, and focus on controlling your response in a Christlike way.
- **Memorize:** Read or memorize Esther 4:14 (NIV) for the upcoming week to prepare your heart for future discussions.
- **Share:** Pair up with someone in the group to check in about one faithful “next right thing” you’ll do this week.
- **Pray:** Pray daily for courage to act with integrity in your current circumstances, just as Esther did.
- **Encourage:** Look for one simple way to support or advocate for someone else in a difficult circumstance.

WEEK TWO

Character Counts



Esther 2:19-3:15



*She
continued
to follow
Mordecai's
instructions*



- Esther 2:20b

CHARACTER COUNTS

Topic _____

Character Counts – Learning from Mordecai and Haman

Opening Question _____

Share about a time when you did the right thing, even though it felt unnoticed or unappreciated. How did that feel, and did it change your perspective on doing good?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Esther 2:19–3:15

Discussion Questions _____



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. In Esther 2:19–3:15, what contrasts do you see between the character of Mordecai and Haman?

2. How does understanding the centuries-old conflict between the Jews and Amalekites (referenced in 1 Samuel 15 and Exodus 17) help explain the tension in this part of Esther?

3. Mordecai chose to do the right thing by exposing the assassination plot, even though it might have seemed like no one noticed or cared (Esther 2:21–23 NIV). Why do you think it's important to do the right thing, even when recognition isn't guaranteed?



HEART CHANGE

(Belief/Emotional Response)

1. The contrast is drawn between Mordecai, who acts with conviction and character, and Haman, whose actions are fueled by pride and pettiness. In what areas of your life do you see these tendencies at work? Which person do you relate to more, and why?

2. The sermon discussed how Haman's wounded pride led to devastating consequences for many people (Esther 3:5–6 NIV). How can unchecked pride harm our decisions and relationships today?

3. While reading Esther's story, what do you sense God might be prompting you to change in your own story moving forward? What kind of story do you want your life to tell from this point on?



HABIT CHANGE

(Action/Practice)

1. Reflect on this statement: "We are responsible for our response." How can taking ownership of your reactions change the way you handle difficult situations, especially those caused by others?

2. Esther maintained humility even after becoming queen (Esther 2:20 NIV). What does humility look like in your current circumstances?

3. Are there places in your life now where you're being called to choose character over comfort? What would courage look like in those situations?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- We Get to Choose the Story We're Writing.
- Our responses, not our circumstances, shape our legacy and witness.
- We Are Responsible for How We Respond.
- Character is Revealed in Hard Circumstances.
- Small actions of character may go unseen by people, but God always sees them.

Next Steps _____

- **Reflect:** This week, look for opportunities to do one good thing "behind the scenes" without expecting recognition, then journal about your experiences.
- **Memorize:** Memorize Galatians 6:9 (NIV) this week as a reminder that God rewards those who do not grow weary in doing good.
- **Share:** Share with the group (next meeting) one way you chose character over convenience this week.
- **Pray:** Pray for courage to do what's right; ask God to align your actions with His character.
- **Encourage:** Identify someone in need of encouragement or advocacy this week and find a tangible way to serve them.

WEEK THREE

Such A Time As This



Esther 4



*You
have come to
your royal position
for such a time as this*



- Esther 4:14b

SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Topic _____

Such a Time as This – Doing the Right Thing When It’s Hard

Opening Question _____

Share about a time when you had to make a difficult decision to do the right thing, even though it involved risk or cost. What went through your mind?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Esther 4

Discussion Questions _____



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. How do you see God’s providence in Esther’s story, even before Esther takes action?
2. What can Mordecai’s faith teach us about trusting God’s plan, even in dire circumstances?

3. The sermon distinguished between hope and trust in God. What does this difference mean to you personally, and how have you experienced it in your own life?

4. Mordecai says, "If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place..." (Esther 4:14 NIV). How does this statement challenge your understanding of God's sovereignty and our responsibility?

5. How does it make you feel that God wants to use ordinary people to accomplish His plans? What does this mean for your everyday life?



HEART CHANGE

(Belief/Emotional Response)

1. When has doing the right thing felt especially risky or costly for you?

2. Mordecai challenges Esther to step up. Who has been a Mordecai in your life—someone who challenged you not just to be called out, but called up to something greater?

3. The sermon states, "Decisions lead to destinies." Can you think of a decision you made (big or small) that changed the direction of your life? How did God use that, and what did you learn?

4. "Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 NIV) What "for such a time as this" moments might be present in your own life right now? Where do you sense God inviting you to step out in trust?

5. Esther says, "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16 NIV). What would it look like for you to trust God with such abandon? Where might God be calling you to take a courageous step, not knowing the outcome?



HABIT CHANGE

(Action/Practice)

1. Why do you think Esther called for three days of prayer and fasting before taking action (Esther 4:16 NIV)? How can prayer and fasting prepare us for obedient risk?
2. What would it look like to follow Esther's example and let prayer and fasting guide us in times of decision this week?
3. While reading Esther's story, what do you sense God might be prompting you to change in your own story moving forward? What kind of story do you want your life to tell from this point on?
4. Reflect on this statement: "You never know which decision will determine your destiny." How can taking ownership of your reactions change the way you handle difficult situations, especially those caused by others?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The right thing isn't always the safe thing, but God calls us to act with courage and faith.
- God's plans will not be stopped, but we have the opportunity to shape our part of the story.
- Our influence, position, and opportunities may be God's way of inviting us to impact the world "for such a time as this."
- Obedience sometimes costs us, but it honors God and blesses others.
- Fasting and prayer realign our hearts with God's will when facing tough decisions.

Next Steps

- **Reflect:** Identify one area where you need wisdom or courage to do the right thing this week and make a plan to act.
- **Memorize:** Read Esther 4:14 daily and ask God how He might be preparing you for such a time as this in your own life.
- **Share:** your challenge with a trusted member of the group and pray for each other.
- **Pray:** Commit to a day of prayer (or fasting, if able) for God's guidance and courage in your current circumstances.
- **Encourage:** This weekend is an opportunity for you and your group to serve together at Mountaintop. We are partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 60 beds for kids in our city who are currently sleeping on the floor. If you haven't already, sign up to serve together as a group. Who knows maybe God has called you to such a time as this Saturday (10/25) to make a difference in the lives of children in our community?



WEEK FOUR

The Courage To Tell The Truth



Esther 5-7



*Grant me
my life
& spare
my people*



- Esther 7:3

WEEK 4

THE COURAGE TO TELL THE TRUTH

Topic _____

The Courage to Tell the Truth

Opening Question _____

Share about a time when you knew you needed to tell the truth, even though it was difficult or risky. What helped you follow through (or what held you back)?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Esther 5-7

Discussion Questions _____



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. Read Esther 5:1-8 NIV. How did Esther's approach to the king display both courage and wisdom?

2. Xerxes is portrayed as someone open to the truth and thoughtful in forming his opinions. What role does being open to the truth play in our lives as believers, and how can we resist forming opinions based on assumptions?
3. Esther struggled to reveal the truth to the king and delayed her confession. What lessons can we draw from Esther's process about finding the right way and time to have hard conversations?
4. Chapters 6 and 7 are perhaps the greatest moment of ironic reversal in the story. Mordecai is honored and Haman suffers the fate he had planned for his enemy. What does this reversal teach us about how God honors humility?



HEART CHANGE

(Belief/Emotional Response)

1. What fears or concerns most often keep you from telling the truth in tough situations?
2. Esther's character gave her a voice with the king. How has character given you—or someone you know—greater influence in challenging situations?
3. Sunday's sermon said, "Esther's legacy is not dependent on the king's decision – his is." What does this mean for us as we face difficult choices and uncertain outcomes?
4. Reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King's quote about the Civil Rights Movement "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." How does Esther's story echo this idea, and what responsibilities do we have when we see injustice?



HABIT CHANGE

(Action/Practice)

1. How can we “obey God and leave all the consequences to Him” in our own lives this week?
2. Reflect on the statement: “What matters is our **RESPONSE** to God’s nudge not the **RESULT** of what happens.” How does this change the way we approach doing the right thing?
3. Consider this prayer for wisdom and courage: “God give me the wisdom to know the right thing to do and the courage to do it, even when it’s hard.” What practical steps can we take to live out this prayer in our daily walk?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Humility leads to honor in the end.
- We are called to speak hard truths to power in order to protect the vulnerable.
- Character is built over time and gives credibility to our words, especially in critical moments.
- The outcome isn’t always in our control, but our obedience and integrity are.

Next Steps _____

- **Reflect:** Identify one truth you need the courage to say or action you need to take this week; share with your group for prayer and support.

- **Memorize:** James 4:10 (NIV) this week as a reminder that humility wins in the end.
- **Share:** Pair up with a group member to check in mid-week and encourage each other to act with integrity.
- **Pray:** Spend time praying this each day “God give me the wisdom to know the right thing to do and the courage to do it, even when it’s hard.”
- **Encourage:** Seek opportunities to advocate for truth and justice in your community, modeling Esther’s compassion and courage.



WEEK FIVE

The Fallout



Esther 8-10



*Queen Esther
wrote with
full authority*



- Esther 9:29

THE FALLOUT

Topic _____

The Fallout – Trusting God’s Plan

Opening Question _____

What’s the best plot twist you’ve ever seen in a movie, book, or TV show? The one that totally shocked you but made the story so much better?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Esther 8-10

Discussion Questions _____



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. In Esther 8-10, how do we see God’s power and faithfulness shown through the actions of Mordecai and Esther?

2. How do you wrestle with the hard parts of this story, like the violence and fallout? What does it teach you about God’s justice and mercy?
3. How does Mordecai’s story illustrate the idea that “sometimes, down is up in the Kingdom”?
4. What “fallout” did Haman’s legacy have on his family and others, and how does this inform your thoughts on the impact of disobedience?
5. Why do you think God chooses to work through people, even though He is able to do anything on His own?



HEART CHANGE

(Belief/Emotional Response)

1. What are some examples from your own life when God’s plan for you didn’t make sense at first, but later revealed His power?
2. When has God surprised you after you chose to trust and obey Him? What did you learn from that?
3. Why is trust such a foundational part of our relationship with God, and what steps can you take to practice deeper trust this week?



HABIT CHANGE

(Action/Practice)

1. What “obedience step” is God calling you to take right now—even if you don’t know what’s on the other side?
2. How do you react to the idea that “obedience is the only way to find out what’s on the other side of obedience”?
3. How might God be calling you to be a part of His plan for redemption this week?

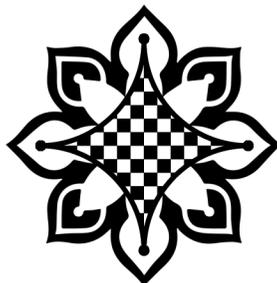
KEY TAKEAWAYS

- We don't discover God's power until we trust God's plan.
- The events of Esther demonstrate the unexpected reversals possible in God's Kingdom.
- God desires to work through ordinary people who trust and obey Him.
- Faithfulness to God may involve grit, courage, and even facing difficult questions.
- Ultimately, trusting God is always the right decision, even when we can't see the full picture.

Next Steps

- **Reflect:** Ask God to reveal areas where you need to trust and obey Him more fully this week and write them down so you can track your progress each day.
- **Memorize:** Read Romans 8 this week. Commit verse 31 as a reminder that even when your circumstances might be against you- God is for you!
- **Share:** Share with someone how each of you feel God is calling you to step into the story He is telling and commit to walk with each in steps of obedience.
- **Pray:** Spend time praying to God about an area of your life where you desire to see a great reversal like Esther's. Ask Him to give you the strength to trust in His plan to bring it to fruition.

- **Encourage:** One way we step into the story that God has for us is to serve others. What would it look like to join a serve team at Mountaintop this week as a way of discovering your destiny? Or if you already serve, identify someone who you might encourage to serve alongside you and join your serve team.



FINDING JESUS IN THE STORY OF ESTHER

As the curtain closes on Esther's story it is important for us to remember that the book is not about us.

As followers of Jesus, when we engage with the Old Testament, we should always be on the lookout for elements that foreshadow the gospel story. When we apply this lens to the book of Esther, it becomes clear that the Queen points to the one true King.

In our efforts to discover our destiny in Esther's story, we would do well to remember that our destiny is wrapped up in the man who, like Esther, surrendered and sacrificed His royalty to follow His Father's plan.

How do we discover our destiny?

We follow this Jesus.

Here are just a few ways (some that you might have noticed and discussed in your group) that Esther's story echoes the greater story that God is telling.

A Deliverer For God's People

- **Esther risks her life** to approach the king and intercede for her people, saving them from death.
- **Jesus gave His life** to intercede for humanity, rescuing us from sin and death (Hebrews 7:25).
- Both act as mediators who step into danger on behalf of others.

Identification With the Vulnerable

- Esther, though queen, **identified with her people's plight** rather than hide her Jewish identity.
- Jesus, though King of kings, **took on human flesh** and identified with sinners (Philippians 2:6–8; Hebrews 2:17).
- Both chose solidarity over safety.

Obedience In the Face of Death

- Esther declared, *"If I perish, I perish"* (Esther 4:16), entrusting her life to God as she acted in obedience.
- Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, *"Not my will, but yours be done"* (Luke 22:42), walking obediently to the cross.
- Both show that faithfulness sometimes requires surrender, even to death.

The Weak Become Strong

- Esther is an orphan, a woman in a male-dominated empire, yet God uses her to bring salvation to His people.
- Jesus, born in humility in Bethlehem, rejected and crucified, is exalted as Savior and Lord (Philippians 2:9–11).
- Both demonstrate God's pattern of working through what seems weak to accomplish His plan.

Casting the Lots (Purim)

- Haman casts lots (purim) to determine the day of destruction for the Jews (Esther 3:7).

- It looks like chance decides their fate, but God overrules.
- At the cross, the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing (John 19:24) — an act meant to mock, but fulfilling prophecy. Both show that what looks random is actually under God's sovereign plan.

Mordecai's "Triumphal" Entry

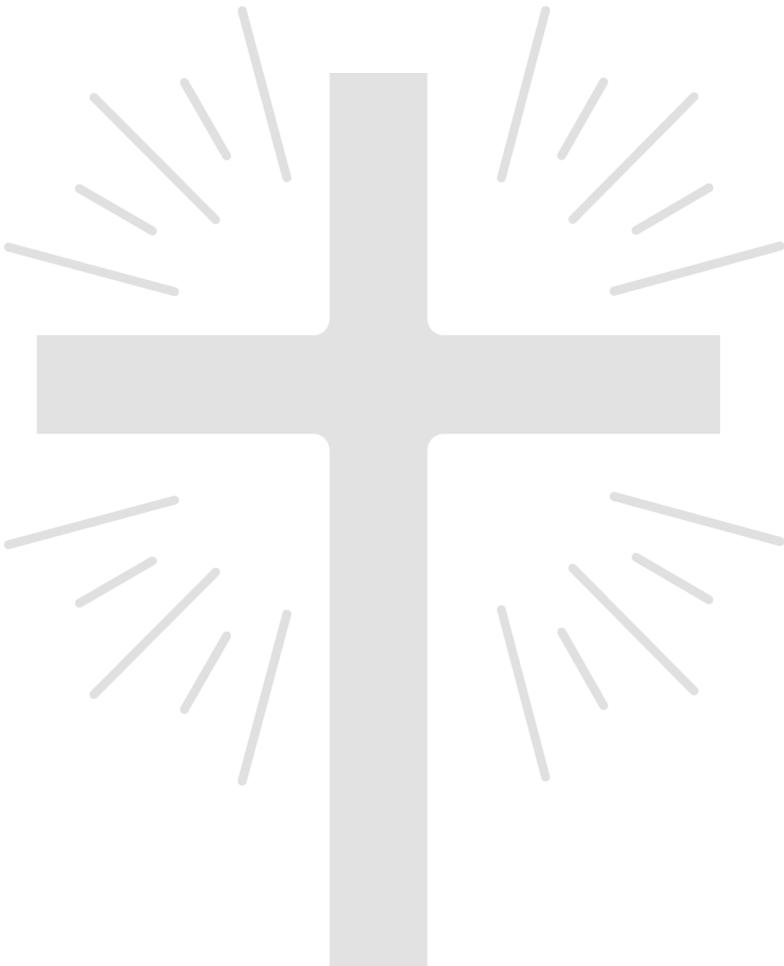
- Mordecai is paraded through the city on the king's horse, wearing royal robes, honored by the very man (Haman) who sought to destroy him (Esther 6:10–11).
- Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed with shouts of "Hosanna!" as the humble King (Matthew 21:1–11).
- Both highlight God's pattern of exalting the humble and shaming the proud.

Victory Through Reversal

- Haman is executed on the very stake he prepared for Mordecai (Esther 7:10).
- At the cross, Satan's plan to kill Jesus becomes the very means of his own defeat (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14).
- The book of Esther is full of **reversals**: Esther goes from an orphan to Queen, Mordecai is exalted from sackcloth to second-in-command, and the Jews go from threatened to triumphant.
- At the cross, **Jesus' death becomes Satan's defeat** (Colossians 2:15). What looked like tragedy becomes triumph.
- Both stories highlight God's ability to turn evil into good.

God's Hidden Hand

- God is not a character in the story of Esther, but His providence is evident in every detail.
- At the cross, God's hand was hidden in apparent defeat, yet His greatest victory was unfolding.
- Both stories remind us that even when unseen, God is orchestrating salvation. Thank God for the gift of Jesus and work of the cross! Even if we never saw His hand at work again, that would be enough.



WHAT NOW?

Look for the time to which you've been called.

It may be a conversation with a friend or kids. It may be a chance meeting in a coffee shop. It may be a heated meeting at work. It may be a situation in your extended family.

It probably won't be before a king.

Your life probably won't be on the line.

Your people probably won't be facing annihilation.

But that doesn't mean it's not important. When the time is needed, what God will need from us is courage.

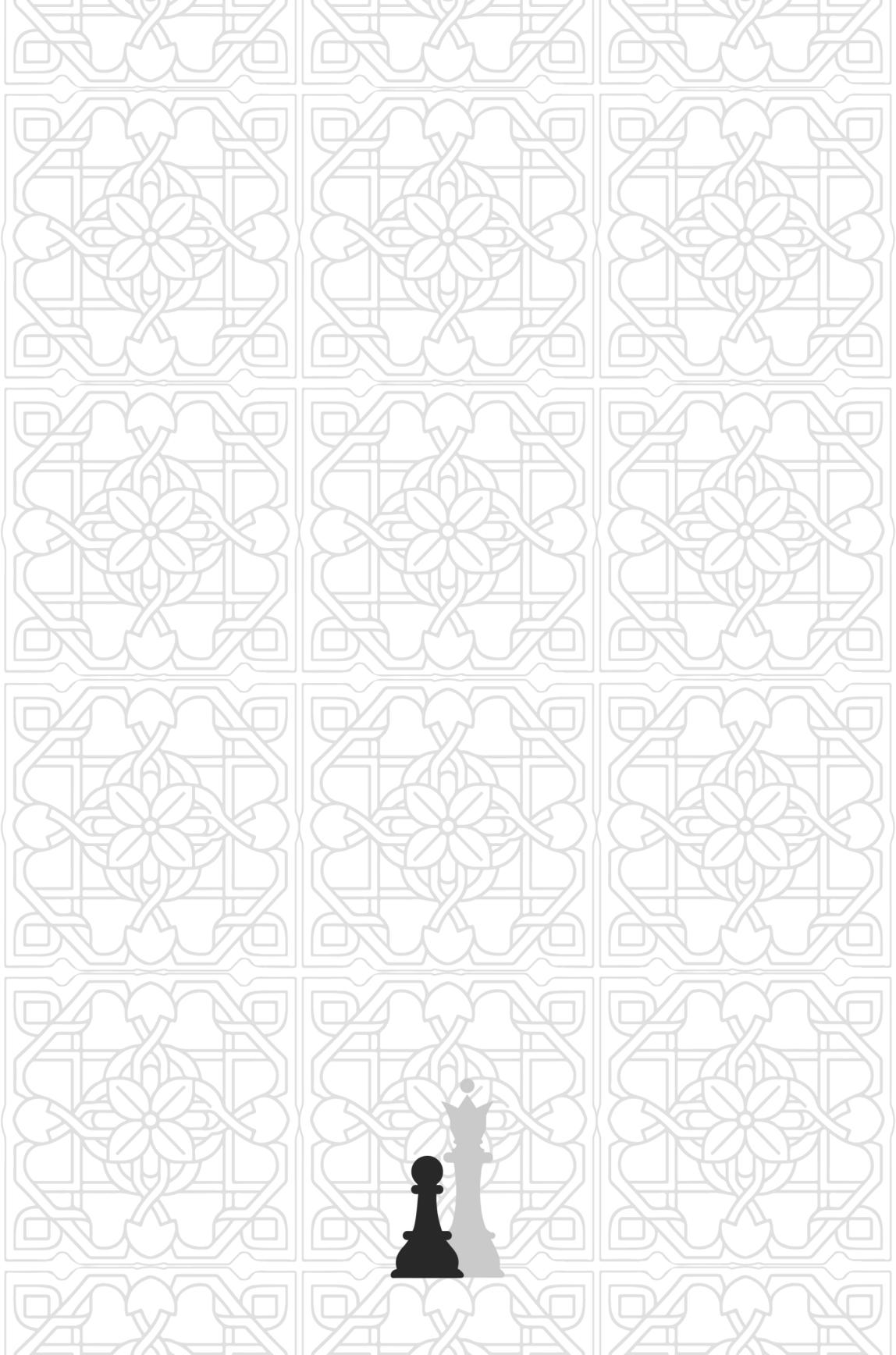
To do the right thing.

Even when it's hard.

"God, would You guide my friends when their moment comes? Honestly, Lord, we might have several this week. We might have a lot of opportunities to display courage, to do the godly thing – even if it's a hard thing. Give us boldness and kindness. Give us courage and faith. We thank You that we get to be a part of the story You're writing. We want to do our part when our times come. Help our hearts to be ready for such a time as this."

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Lead Pastor

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