

An Epic Story?

Esther 5 - 7

1. A heroic action: seizing the moment brings out the best in us.
2. A divine intervention: what we do is important but not determinative.
3. A turning of tables: the power of God's purpose triumphs the powers that be.

Application:

Look Longer: What am I doing today that God will use in the future?

Look Deeper: What motivations are driving me?

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read through chapters 5-7 and see how many coincidences are noted by the storyteller. What is the point he is trying to convey to us about God's involvement?
- 2) Haman had everything except his revenge on Mordecai. Read 5:9-14. Have you ever been deprived of your happiness because of something you couldn't have or do? Explain.
- 3) Look longer. What are the opportunities you have today that may yield great results in the future? How are you responding to these opportunities?
- 4) Look deeper. What motivations are driving you? What would it look like to bring your motivations to Jesus and let Him shape them? How would you expect Jesus to change you?



Memory Verse

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

2 Corinthians 4:18