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Esther - For Such a Time as This

God is most active when He seems most hidden. God places us where we are -not by accident, but by appointment - and invites us to discern what faithfulness looks like right here, right now.

“God at Work When God is Unseen”

Esther 1-2 (selected verses)

1. Tell about a time when something that initially seemed like a disappointment or setback later turned out to be a blessing. What did you learn from that experience?
2. What does Esther 1 and the opening description of King Xerxes reveal about worldly power and success? How does that contrast with God’s quiet work?
3. Why do you think Queen Vashti’s refusal to go to the King became such a significant turning point in the story? (1:12).
4. Although God is never mentioned in Esther, where can you already see His providence at work in chapter 1?
5. What qualities do you notice about Esther and Mordecai? (2: 5-7). Which of these qualities does God seem to use?
6. What role does “God’s favor” play throughout chapter 2? What does that suggest about God’s unseen hand?
7. Mordecai’s discovery of the assassination attempt against King Xerxes seems almost incidental (2: 19-23). Why does the author include that event here? How does it impact the course of events?
8. Esther was an ordinary woman living in extraordinary circumstances. How does her story encourage ordinary believers today?
9. Have you ever gone through a season in your life when it seemed God was silent? Looking back, can you now recognize ways God was working? If so, how?
10. In what ways might God be preparing you today for something that you cannot yet see?