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THE BEAUTIFUL REVERSAL

ESTHER 5-7

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish.

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters,

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

while the king was sitting on his royal throne
inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace.

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

² And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight,

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand.
Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

³ And the king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.”

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

⁴ And Esther said, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king.”

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

⁵ Then the king said, “Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked.”

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

So the king and Haman came to the feast
that Esther had prepared.

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

⁶ And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther,
“What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request?”

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”
7 Then Esther answered, “My wish and my request is:

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

⁸ If I have found favor in the sight of the king,
and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request,

ESTHER 5:1-9 (ESV)

let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them,
and tomorrow I will do as the king has said.”

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A. Esther had **courage** and took **action**.

It's encouraging to know you were made for such a time as this,
but it only matters if you take action.

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God will call us to take risks of faith.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What do you need to act on knowing you were made for such a time as this in your life?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is your favorite quality of Esther?

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- A. Esther had **courage** and took **action**.
- B. Esther had **wisdom** and **class**.

ECCLESIASTES 10:12 (ESV)

The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

9 And Haman went out that day
joyful and glad of heart.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

¹⁰ Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

¹¹ And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him,

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

and how he had advanced him above the officials
and the servants of the king.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

¹² Then Haman said, “Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

And tomorrow also I am invited
by her together with the king.

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

¹³ Yet all this is worth nothing to me,
so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.”

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him,
“Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made,

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it.
Then go joyfully with the king to the feast.”

ESTHER 5:9-14 (ESV)

This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

PROVERBS 13:20 (ESV)

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 (ESV)

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Do you have trusted Godly people in your life
who will tell you the truth if you are off?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Have you given them the open door to speak truth in your life even if it hurts?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Do you have the guts to be honest with your friends or spouse when they are upset?

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

On that night the king could not sleep.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds,
the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

² And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)
and who had sought to lay hands
on King Ahasuerus (Xerxes).

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

³ And the king said, “What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

The king's young men who attended him said,
“Nothing has been done for him.”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

⁴ And the king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. ⁵ And the king's young men told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court."

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

And the king said, “Let him come in.”

⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said to him,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

“What should be done to the man
whom the king delights to honor?”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

And Haman said to himself, “Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

⁷ And Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸ let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

and the horse that the king has ridden,
and on whose head a royal crown is set.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

9 And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor,
and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

proclaiming before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.’”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹⁰ Then the king said to Haman, “Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

Leave out nothing that you have mentioned.”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹¹ So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

“Thus shall it be done to the man
whom the king delights to honor.”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹² Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate.
But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹³ And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him.

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, “If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people,

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)
you will not overcome him
but will surely fall before him.”

ESTHER 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹⁴ While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.

PSALM 127:2 (NIV)

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

EXODUS 33:14 (ESV)

The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.”

ECCLESIASTES 5:12 (ESV)

Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much,
but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

2

A. Not all **sleepless** nights are **pointless**.

PSALM 16:7 (ESV)

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

PASTOR WALTER PRICE

“We have our own book of memorable deeds we can run to where God will remind us what we need to do.”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Has God ever spoken to you on a restless night?
What did He say to you?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Is there anyone you need to honor or thank that you forgot in the busyness of your life?

PROVERBS 18:12 (NIV)

Before a downfall the heart is haughty,
but humility comes before honor.

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- A. Not all **sleepless** nights are **pointless**.
- B. **Pride** comes before **the fall**.

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

So the king and Haman went in
to feast with Queen Esther.

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

² And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, “What is your wish, Queen Esther?”

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

It shall be granted you. And what is your request?
Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

³ Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish,

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

and my people for my request.

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people,
to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated.

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.”

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

⁵ Then King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) said to Queen Esther,
“Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?”

ESTHER 7:1-6 (ESV)

⁶ And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!”
Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

ESTHER 7:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai,

ESTHER 7:9-10 (ESV)

whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.”

ESTHER 7:9-10 (ESV)

¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

3

A. God can change your **circumstances** in a **moment**.

God can change your circumstances
and save your life in a moment.

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- A. God can change your **circumstances** in a **moment**.
- B. The **cross** truly is the **beautiful reversal**.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9 (ESV)

¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

ROMANS 10:9 (ESV)

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

REVELATION 3:20 (ESV)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24 (ESV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24 (ESV)

²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,
“This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26 (ESV)

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26 (ESV)

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.