

Now or Never: The Book of Esther



“The Power of Words”

Esther 7:1-10

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Notes:

I. Making it Personal

II. Naming (Some) Names

III. Destruction of Deliverance?

Next week: Now Or Never: The Book of Esther “Staying on Mission” Esther 8:1-17 Speaker: Pastor Jon Brewer

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Ask God to lead you in applying today's passage. Below are some ideas to help.

READ- Follow the attached daily Bible reading plan to gain further insight on this topic.

STUDY- Use your Study Bible to research the topic of wisdom.

CONFESS- Admit to God of times where you may have felt God prompting you to speak up, but instead you held back your words so not to offend someone.

PRAY- Ask God for patience to trust in Him for the words to speak, rather than speaking out with your own wisdom.

PRAISE- Thank God for his promise to never leave us nor forsake us.

GATHER- Prepare for D group by reading Sunday's passage again and answering the attached questions.

INVEST- Ask someone 'older in the faith' about how they deal with finding the right words to speak or tell someone 'younger in the faith' about your experience.

GIVE- Sharing the truth takes boldness, pray that God will give you wisdom of when to speak up and the opportunity and boldness to speak God's truth in love.

INVITE- Ask a friend or neighbor if they'd be interested in going to church with you or coming over to watch it online.

CREATE- write your own application down here:

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Monday: Taming the Tongue - James 3

Tuesday: Paul's Message of Wisdom - 1 Corinthians 2

Wednesday: Joseph Reassures His Brothers - Genesis 50:15-21

Thursday: The Conflict in Antioch - Galatians 2

Friday: Moses is Given Special Power - Exodus 4:1-17

Saturday: Tomorrow's Passage — Esther 8:1-17

IN THIS PASSAGE, IS THERE A...

- Sin to avoid?
- Prayer/Promise/Praise?
- Example to follow?
- Command to obey?
- Knowledge to remember?
- Question I still have?

(Virtual) D GROUP QUESTIONS:

1 King Xerxes asked the Queen again what she wanted (vs. 2). Why didn't she just come out and ask the King, but instead waited to be asked?

2 Notice Queen Esther replied (vs. 3) "if I have" versus "since I have", was this approach of humility just out of fear or was this something else? How was she showing wisdom?

3 Haman held a high place in the kingdom, however in a matter of a couple banquets, he was pleading for his life. What caused his fall so quickly? When have you ever seen such a quick turn of events in history?

TOUGH: God shows us that He uses what man intends to harm us to save us. However it takes obedience on our part to partner in God's plan. Where is God prompting you speak up?