

Now or Never: The Book of Esther



“Staying on Mission”

Esther 8:1-17

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Notes:

I. Resolute

II. Creative Redemption

III. Helpless to Hopeful

Next week: Now Or Never: The Book of Esther

“Deliverance” Esther 9:1-16 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 hope.

CONFESS- Sometimes our hope can be weak and put to the back of your mind. Confess where you have forgotten to hope in God and anticipate his creative redemption of circumstances.

PRAY- Ask God to strengthen your hope. Then reflect on any of the Daily Bible Reading passages for this week. Ask God what you need to learn.

PRAISE- Romans 8:28 says "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"--praise Him that He will work out things to His glory!

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

INVEST- Ask someone 'older in the faith' about a time where God surprised them by redeeming a situation in a creative way OR share your story with someone 'younger in the faith.'

GIVE- Increase your faith by asking God how and where you can be generous to someone struggling through a difficult financial situation.

INVITE- Invite a fellow member of Grace to sojourn with you and encourage you to intentionally increase your hope and anticipation in God's ability to work in your life.

CREATE- write your own application down here:

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Monday: Rahab Hides the Spies -- Joshua 2:1-14

Tuesday: Daniel and the Lion's Den part 1 -- Daniel 6:1-15

Wednesday: Daniel and the Lion's Den part 2 -- Daniel 6:16-28

Thursday: Joseph Rises to Power -- Genesis 41:37-57

Friday: The LORD Reigns -- Psalm 97

Saturday: Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD -- Psalm 98

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 Esther and the Jews in Persia would have known the story of Daniel in the lions' den. What connections can you make between Esther & Mordecai's story and Daniel's story?

2 What did King Ahasuerus learn about Mordecai (v8:1)? What might King Ahasuerus have been thinking/feeling?

3 Can you think of a past situation where your hope in God was not exactly resolute? What happened?

TOUGH: Is it possible to help someone else increase their hope in God? Do you have examples?