

Now or Never: The Book of Esther



“God’s Timing”

Esther 6:1-14

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Notes:

I. Drudging Up the Past

II. Honor and Perception

III. Timely Prediction

Next week: Now Or Never: The Book of Esther “The Power of Words” Esther 7:1-10 Speaker: Pastor Jon

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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 irony.

CONFESS- Admit times of impatience where you have struggled to wait on God's timing.

PRAY- Ask God to increase your trust and patience, as He reminds you of His past faithfulness.

PRAISE- Worship God for His Perfect timing and plans!

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 flipping negative circumstances to their favor 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 someone to partner with you in prayer as you wait for God to answer.

CREATE- write your own application down here:

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Monday: Daniel and the Lions' Den -- Daniel 6:1-28

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

Wednesday: They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth -- Psalm 129:1-8

Thursday: God's Good Purposes -- Genesis 50:15-26

Friday: The Humiliation of Babylon -- Isaiah 47:1-11

Saturday: Tomorrow's Passage — Esther 7:1-10

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 Joseph in Egypt. What connections can you make between Mordecai's story and Joseph's story?

2 Why had Haman just entered the outer court of the king's palace (v6:4)? What might he have been thinking/feeling?

3 Can you think of a past situation where God surprised you by taking a negative situation and flipping it for your benefit? What happened?

TOUGH: Do you struggle with having vendettas against people you want to oppose? Have you ever struggled with identifying with Haman's desire to overcome another person, unfortunately? If so, what helps you to see those people Biblically?