

Own It! This Is Your Moment!
Book of Esther

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Text: Esther

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read Esther 3:1–13. What is the danger the people of God faced? Who is evil in the story? How do you know who the good guy is and the bad guy? What was Haman’s ambition for the Jews?

2. Define the following three items:
 - Lucifer’s Law
 - Lucifer’s Ambition
 - Lucifer’s Team

3. Was Queen Esther above the law that Haman had set in motion? (Consider 4:13–14.)

4. How does Mordecai exhort Esther to be mindful of the hour and her calling?

5. Where does one find strength for such a hard calling? (Consider 4:16.)

6. Why was this dangerous? (Consider 4:11.) What was Esther thinking of to embrace such danger?

7. How did Esther take action? (Consider Chapters 6–7.) Reflect on the situation and how God used her in this desperate hour of need.

8. What would have happened if Esther had not acted?

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. How and with what has God positioned me for this hour in history? Will I own it and act like Esther? What might God be preparing me for in the days ahead?
2. Do I worship safety? Am I willing to risk my life for the sake of others like Esther? What will the pressures of these days show of my soul and my faith?
3. What do I need to own right now? What is holding me back?

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read Nehemiah 2–4** this week in preparation for next weekend.
2. **Reflect** on Esther 4:13–14 every day this week.
3. **Act!** Carry out the following action points:
 - Know it Well – God Will Not be Mocked
 - Sort Out Your Personal and Family Security Matters
 - Pray for the Gospel to Touch Everyone
 - Pray for the Wicked to be Confused
 - Purpose to Protect the Jewish People in Jesus' Name
 - Contact Jewish Friends and Comfort Them
 - Keep the Faith in the Hour of Testing
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2023.