



God's Plan

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TODAY'S READING: Esther 2

In Esther 2, we witness the journey of a Jewish girl named Esther who becomes the queen of Persia. This chapter highlights important themes such as courage, preparation, and God's sovereignty. Although God's name is not explicitly mentioned in the Book of Esther, His presence and influence are evident throughout the story. Esther's rise to queenship was not just a series of fortunate events; God was orchestrating everything according to His divine plan. This is a powerful reminder that even when life seems random or chaotic, God has a purpose and He is working behind the scenes.

Esther's journey also speaks to the importance of embracing our identity and having the courage to step into our God-given roles. Esther had to navigate her dual identity as both a Jewish woman and the queen of Persia. This later became crucial in saving her people. Reflecting on our own lives, we should consider how we can embrace who we are and use our unique qualities to ultimately glorify God and point others around us to Him. Additionally, before Esther could become queen, she underwent a year-long period of preparation, following the instructions of Mordecai and the king's officials. This reminds us that sometimes God prepares us through the experiences and challenges we face today. Being diligent and obedient in our current season is essential, trusting that God is preparing us for something greater.

In application, we should trust in God's timing, knowing that just as Esther had to wait and prepare, we too need to be patient and faithful in the small things. Courage is also essential, as stepping into our God-given roles often requires bravery. Finally, seeking guidance and wisdom from godly individuals and staying connected to God through prayer and scripture can help us understand His will and direction for our lives. Just like Esther, each of us has a unique purpose, and God has placed us exactly where we need to be. By trusting in Him, being courageous, and allowing His plan to unfold, we can fulfill our God-given roles with confidence.

PRAYER: God, thank You for the story of Esther and the reminder that You are always at work in our lives. Help us to trust in Your plan and to be courageous in the roles You have for us. Guide us and prepare us for the future You have in store.

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