

# MESSAGE NOTES

**DATE** JUNE 28, 2020

**SERIES:** For Such A Time As This

**MESSAGE:** *Turn of Events*

**TEXT:** Esther 5:1-7:10

This book (Esther) is meant to encourage us with a reminder that God is \_\_\_\_\_. God is \_\_\_\_\_ at work, even though sometimes it is behind what can be seen.

\_\_\_\_\_ is thinking highly enough of Jesus to trust Him with your life.

The saying, "Pride goes before the fall" is a variation of \_\_\_\_\_.

God often offers us the choice: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

The Great Reversals in this story:

- In chapter 4, Mordecai is wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ and I covered in ash as a sign of his distress. In chapter 6, he is wearing the \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
- In chapter 5, Mordecai at one point was walking around the city \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, while Haman is described as a very \_\_\_\_\_ man. And by the end of chapter 6, it's the other way around.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the one who was paraded around demanding honor, and yet it's \_\_\_\_\_ who eventually is paraded around by Haman.
- In chapter 5, Haman brags about his great \_\_\_\_\_, and in chapter 8, all that Haman owned was \_\_\_\_\_ to Mordecai.
- In chapter 3, it says the city of Susa was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Edict against the Jews. By chapter 8, it says the city was \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ set up for Mordecai eventually becomes Haman's own instrument of \_\_\_\_\_.

All of these reversals pale in comparison to a reversal that has been made \_\_\_\_\_ to you and me through faith in Jesus Christ.

We were \_\_\_\_\_ to die because of our sin, but in a reversal, Jesus dies in our \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ should have brought us death, but in a reversal, Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ brought us life.

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## BIG IDEA: THE GREATEST REVERSAL OF ALL

### Getting Started

Have you ever worked behind the scenes to help or surprise someone?

### Discussion Questions

1. Discuss a time when realized God was working in your life to help you discover who He is.
2. How have you seen your life changed because of your faith in Jesus?
3. Read proverbs 16:8. Discuss a time when you let pride take over in your life. How did that effect the people around you?
4. Read Esther 7. When have you showed wisdom in choosing the right time to speak or speak up for someone?

5. Discuss how the coincidences throughout the book of Esther reminds you of Romans 8:28.
6. Who do you identify with the most in this story – Esther, Mordecai, Xerxes or Haman? Explain.
7. Reflect on this divine reversal – my sin should have brought me death, but instead, Jesus' death brought me life.
8. Jesus dies our death and we live His life. Does knowing this truth help you to live your life differently

### Going Deeper

What can you do, this week, to begin to trust God with the day-to-day operations of your life?

## PRAYER

Loving and merciful Father, we are in awe of the many ways you continue inspires us to grow and change each day. Often times, we are so caught up in our own desires that we forget to seek out your desires for our life. Give us the wisdom to speak and act according to your will and to remember that you are working in our lives and the in the lives around us. We give thanks and praise you always, Amen!