**Esther**

**Week 3**

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**Daily Time With Truth**

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1:** Ephesians 3:20 (TPT)

Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination!

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**Day 2:** Mark 11:24 (TPT)

This is the reason I urge you to boldly believe for whatever you ask for in prayer—be convinced that you have received it and it will be yours.

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**Day 3:** Psalm 34:3-5 (TPT)

Join me, everyone! Let’s praise the Lord together. Let’s make him famous! Let’s make his name glorious to all. Listen to my testimony: I cried to God in my distress and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears! Gaze upon him, join your life with his, and joy will come. Your faces will glisten with glory. You’ll never wear that shame-face again.

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**Day 4:** Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

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**Day 5:** 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Where have you seen God’s fingerprints, the evidence of His presence, active in your life this week?

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2. What were Esther’s last words to Mordecai? (Esther 4:16) Why was she risking her life?

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3. Read Esther 5:1-4. How does the king respond to Esther? What does Esther realize by His response? What had Esther been doing while she was fasting, as evidenced by the king’s response? Have you ever fasted and prayed for something momentous? What was the result?

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4. Pastor Bob said, “It’s not faith until you face your fear. Fear builds mountains and faith tears them down.” What’s your fear right now…that God wants you to face? Share as you feel led to.

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5. Read Esther 5:3-8. Is Esther stalling answering the king’s question, or why doesn’t she answer him directly and immediately?

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6. Meanwhile, what is going on with Haman? Read Esther 5:9-14.

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7. What did the king do when he couldn’t sleep, what discovery did he make and what were the plans that followed? (Esther 6:1-11) Where and how do you see God at work behind these scenes?

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8. Read Esther 7:1-10. At the banquet, the time is now ripe for Esther to answer the king’s inquiry, “What is your petition?” What does she say and what is the result? Why was it necessary for Esther to wait for God’s perfect timing before she blurted out her request? What might have happened if Esther had revealed her petition the first time she dined with the king and Haman? Why is following God’s leading and His timing so essential?

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9. Share any occasions when you have had to take great risks to obey God. Have you ever experienced the faith challenge of waiting on God’s perfect timing? Share the results.

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10. Pastor Bob said, “We don’t have to ever live the threatened life. Know why? Because God always has the final say.” Does that speak encouragement to you in any of the challenges you are currently walking through? Share your thoughts with one another.