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Focus: Esther – Positioned for Purpose

Week 2: Mordecai Moments – Godly relationships awaken purpose.

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Introduction: The story of Mordecai reminds us that God often advances His purpose through relationships. While Esther's name would reach the palace, it was Mordecai's quiet guidance that prepared her heart for purpose. He served faithfully at the gate, mentoring, correcting, and covering Esther. Through his example, we learn that faithfulness in hidden places creates ripples of influence in public spaces. Mordecai's role in Esther's life shows that divine purpose is never discovered in isolation. God uses mentors, truth-tellers, and encouragers to call out hidden gifts and awaken courage in us.

Key Scriptures

- **Esther 2:19–23** – Mordecai exposes the plot against the king.
- **Esther 3:1–6** – Mordecai refuses to bow to Haman.
- **Esther 4:12–14** – “Who knows if you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”
- **Proverbs 27:6** – “Faithful are the wounds of a friend.”
- **Hebrews 10:24** – “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

1. GOD USES MENTORS TO SHAPE YOUR MIND AND MOTIVES

Text: **Esther 2:19–23**

Mordecai's integrity was revealed long before his influence was rewarded. He acted righteously even when no one noticed. His faithfulness positioned him for future favor.

Truths to See:

- Integrity is obedience without an audience.
- God records what others forget.
- Faithfulness today sets up influence tomorrow.

Application for Today: Do right because it's right, not because it's recognized. Trust that unseen obedience never goes unrewarded by God.

2. GOD USES RELATIONSHIPS TO REFINE YOUR CONVICTIONS

Text: **Esther 3:1–6**

When Haman demanded homage, Mordecai stood tall while others bowed. His courage exposed the danger of compromise.

Truths to See:

- Conviction will always cost you something.
- You can't rescue a generation you resemble.

- Standing for God sometimes means standing alone.

Application for Today: Refuse to trade conviction for comfort. God honors those who honor Him.

3. GOD USES COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS TO ACTIVATE CALLING

Text: **Esther 4:12–14**

Mordecai's challenge to Esther was not condemnation but confirmation. He saw destiny where she saw danger. His words pushed her from hesitation to holy boldness.

Truths to See:

- Mentors speak what's necessary, not what's easy.
- Purpose is often awakened through confrontation.
- Every believer will face a moment when obedience opens destiny.

Application for Today: Listen to the voices that challenge you to grow. God sends Mordecais to move you from comfort to calling.

LIFE APPLICATION

1. **Recognize** the mentors and truth-tellers God has placed in your life.
2. **Respond** to correction as an expression of God's care.
3. **Remain** faithful when unseen. Promotion is God's responsibility, not yours.
4. **Reflect** courage by standing firm in your convictions.
5. **Release** your influence and become a Mordecai to someone who needs guidance.

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Who has been a “Mordecai” in your spiritual journey, and how have they shaped your faith?
2. Which of Mordecai's qualities (integrity, conviction, or courage) do you most need to strengthen right now?
3. How can you position yourself to mentor or encourage someone this week?
4. What step of obedience might God be prompting you to take through a Mordecai Moment?