

Esther - Root Work  
Week 4 - September 20, 2025  
Esther 4 "Faith Forward" - Marissa Beckham

Verses Quoted or Used & Quotes:

- 2 Timothy 3:12
- 1 Peter 4:4
- Esther 1:19
- Isaiah 40:8
- Matthew 6:24
- Jeremiah 29:11
- John 15:5
- Matthew 17:21
- Matthew 10:28
- Philippians 1:21
- Romans 12:2
- Romans 8:28
- 1 Timothy 6:12
- 2 Timothy 4:7
- Romans 12:21

"If we are not willing to have others think us strange; if we are not willing to be rejected by some for the sake of Jesus Christ; if we are not willing to be an outcast before some people, then we can never be true followers of Jesus Christ" - David Guzik

"You have been wishing for another position where you could do something for Jesus: do NOT wish anything of the kind, but serve Him where you are" - Charles Spurgeon

Challenge Questions: Discussion

- Discuss a time you were persecuted for your faith. What was the outcome?
- Have you ever done something with integrity that came with a cost? Did you stand by your decision?
- Did God choose you for a specific task or put you in a specific place/season for a reason?
- Are you being obedient to the calling He has for you today?
- Are you more inclined to be faith frozen or faith forward? What are things you can do when your faith becomes frozen?

Key Takeaways:

- As Christians we need to face reality, humble ourselves, and go as far as we can possibly go for Jesus!
- Our trust should be in the faithfulness of God, not in the faithfulness of people
- God will not let His people down, even if individuals let God down

- God promotes us or puts us in a place/season for a reason - we need the courage and wisdom to see that and walk in it
- God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called
- God doesn't need us - but invites us to be a part of His team!
- God can use anyone and gives us opportunities to show obedience and to be used by Him for His glory!
- It's not about who we are, it's about whose we are!
- If you want to experience the full joy of the Lord - choose to be obedient and leave it to God to do the rest
- God is always moving - in times of blessing and times of catastrophe - even if we can't understand His plan or think He's being silent
- God uses what man meant for evil for good - His plans are greater than our own
- We need to stand firm and be bold in our faith - speak up for what's right - speak truth - even when it's hard - back our words up with facts - God's Word
- We can trust God's Word - never changing!
- We cannot glorify God if we're sitting back in silence
- We cannot limit what God wants to do
- Special spiritual battles sometimes require special preparation with prayer and fasting
- Until we are called home, we must fight the good fight and finish the race
- Be the light - speak Jesus - share the Good News!
- We are in a battle...it's time to be bold and move forward in our faith
- Keep seeking - keep praying - keep fighting!