

# Esther – Root Work

Week 2 - Aug 16, 2025 – Krystal

## Esther 2 “God’s Providence in Esther: Unveiling Divine Purpose”

### Verses Quoted or Used:

Acts 4:32

Matthew 10:32-33

Matthew 23:12

Luke 11:34

Hebrew 12:2-3

Luke 1:33

### Scripture to Meditate On:

- Romans 8:28

- Matthew 23:12

- Luke 11:34

- Hebrews 12:2-3

- Romans 13:1-7

- Hebrews 13:17

- Titus 3:1

- Ephesians 5:21

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- 2 Timothy 3:16

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

### Key Themes of God's Providence:

1. God uses even evil to accomplish His plan - How does this theme challenge or comfort you in difficult times?
2. God works through people - Who has God called you to equip or encourage?
3. God's favor - Can you identify moments of God's favor in your life?
4. God positions people strategically - Where has God positioned you right now? How can you be faithful in that position?
5. God reveals things to people - Has God recently revealed something to you that requires action?

### Thought Provoking Questions:

1. Have you seen God's providence at work in your own life, even in situations that initially seemed negative or challenging? Is there something God has spoken to your heart that you haven't acted on in faith?
2. In what ways can we cultivate a submissive heart towards godly leadership while still maintaining discernment and biblical accountability? Do you struggle with being submissive to the authority or leadership?
3. Do you struggle submitting to God? What scriptures could you meditate on to learn more about being submissive?
4. How might recognizing God's positioning in our lives change the way we approach our current roles and responsibilities?

5. In what areas in your life are you considered a leader or someone who people look up to? Maybe you're a mom, an older sister, or a manager at work... How can you demonstrate your faith in God in practical ways without even mentioning Him?
6. Have you approached God or his word with a "me" attitude? What did you learn from this? Remember the scriptures is about God, not us and what we can get from them.
7. Is there a preconception about yourself from your past holding you back from fully embracing God's plan? Remember Esther was an orphan.
8. What evil things have you concluded God used ultimately for His good plan?
9. What influences of our multicultural country do you seem to be tempted by? How can you combat this?
10. How can we balance the concept of God's sovereignty with human responsibility in carrying out His plans?
11. In what areas of your life do you feel God may be revealing something to you, and how should you respond?
12. How can we maintain an eternal kingdom mindset in the face of worldly distractions and challenges?
13. What lessons can we learn from Esther's character and actions about humility and obedience to God's plan?
14. How might understanding God's providence impact our response to evil and injustice in the world?
15. In what ways can we actively seek to know God more intimately, as the sermon suggests, to better recognize His workings in our lives?

### Key Takeaways:

1. God is always at work, even when we can't see it.
2. Our responsibility and actions matter in God's plan.
3. Submitting to godly authority is important for spiritual growth.
4. God's plan for each person is unique and significant.

### Practical Applications:

1. Develop an "eternal kingdom mindset" by focusing more on God's perspective than worldly concerns. Examine yourselves daily in the light of scripture.
2. Practice recognizing God's work in your daily life.
3. Reflect on where God has positioned you and how you can be faithful in that role. Remain humble even when exalted or esteemed.
4. Labor over the word- study the word and spend time getting to know God.
5. Cultivate a submissive heart towards godly leadership in your life.
6. Live out your Christian faith especially when in the presence of unbelievers and under the authority of non-Christians.
7. Are there people in your life you know God has divinely provided? Honor them, thank God for them, and pray blessings over them.