

Esther—5

What Happened to You Isn't the End of the Story

“For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?” Esther 8:6 NIV

“Now write another decree in the king’s name in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king’s signet ring—for no document written in the king’s name and sealed with his ring can be revoked.” Esther 8:8 NIV

... On that day, the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but quite the opposite happened. It was the Jews who overpowered their enemies. Esther 9:1 NLT

For the wages of sin is death ... Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV

Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews ... ²¹to have them celebrate annually ... ²²as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. ...

Esther 9:20-22 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Esther 9:20-22**. Share about a time when God turned your sorrows into joy. How does that experience build your faith in His character?

Sometimes we live under a “decree” that feels permanent, and it influences what we believe will happen next. How have you experienced this for yourself?

If you’re struggling under a “decree” right now, how could you replace the lies you’re believing with truth from God’s Word?

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