

Esther—4

You're Not as Forgotten as You Feel

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. ²When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. ... ³Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you." Esther 5:1-3 NIV

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him.
Esther 6:1 NIV

In those records he discovered an account of how Mordecai had exposed the plot ... to assassinate King Xerxes. Esther 6:2 NLT

"What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. Esther 6:3 NIV

So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"
Esther 6:11 NIV

... "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request." Esther 7:3 NIV

So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. ...
Esther 7:10 NIV

The breakthrough you're praying for may already be in motion.

Nothing faithful is ever forgotten.

TALK IT OVER

Read **Esther 6:1-3**. What are some daily steps of faithfulness you could take that might go unnoticed by the people around you?

Sometimes providence is best understood backwards. Talk about a time when you looked back on an experience and saw how God worked, even if you didn't see it in the moment.

Share about an area of your life where you're waiting for a miracle. Discuss anything from Esther's story that encourages you in the waiting.

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