

One Stand for God can Change Everything.

Have you ever dreamed of God using you to make a difference in this world?

But then reality sets in. You look at your life — your past, your abilities, your shortcomings — and the questions come: "Who am I kidding? What difference can I really make? I'm just one person.

What if I told you that again and again, God uses people exactly like you — people who feel small, ordinary, even unqualified — and yet He uses them to change the world?

One of those moments took place in 474 B.C., when a man nobody expected much from — a man named Mordecai — took a stand for God.

And through that one stand — everything began to change.

ONE PERSON STANDING FOR GOD IS ENOUGH TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

That's the lesson of Esther 9. And today, I want to show you **four incredible changes** God made — all of them began because one man dared to take his stand for the Lord.

Are you willing to take a stand for God? You might feel unsure. You might say, *“I don’t know if God could really use me.”*

But let me gently challenge you: **How will you ever know what God could do through your life — unless you’re willing to step out of your comfort zone and take your stand for Him?**

Change #1 Mordecai took his stand, and eventually, God turned minds of hatred to respect. Esther 9:1–3

Have you ever looked at your world and thought: “They’ll never change”? Mordecai lived in a culture just like that. Most people in his world couldn’t care less about the things of God. Many openly hated God’s people.

But in verses 1-4, this was supposed to be the day the Jews would be wiped out. Yet, as verse 1 says, *the reverse occurred*.

Instead of being destroyed, they gained mastery over their enemies.

And more than that — fear fell on the people. Fear of

Mordecai. Fear of the Jews. Fear of God's people. Even the officials and governors said, "What can we do to help Mordecai and his people?" Hatred turned into respect.

Where did that change come from?

The sovereign hand of God. God was at work — not only changing external circumstances — but changing minds. People who once wanted nothing to do with God's people were now afraid to oppose them.

Don't miss the principle: **God can change minds.** Don't assume people in your life are too far gone.

Change #2 - Mordecai took his stand, and God turned hearts of hopelessness into confidence.
Esther 9:4-10

Maybe you thought about sharing the gospel, stepping out to serve, or making a bold stand for your faith. But then—fear crept in. You're not alone. In chapter 4, that's exactly where God's people were: terrified, anxious, mourning in sackcloth and ashes. They felt powerless. Hopeless. But things changed.

The people of God stood their ground. They weren't picking fights, but stood ready—and when attacked,

God gave them victory. One by one, their enemies fell—even Haman's ten sons. Hopelessness was replaced by confidence. Trembling was replaced by courage.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 10:3–4:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."

We're in a battle for souls. Satan is actively working to blind people from the truth of the gospel.

That's why God calls us to stand. Are you willing to stand? **Are you willing to take the protection God provides — and walk into a world that desperately needs to hear the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ?**

Change #3 - Esther, joining Mordecai, took her stand, and God turned decrees of destruction into protection. Esther 9:11-15

Esther learned that enemies still plotted to attack again. The fight wasn't over. Evil was regrouping. So Esther, as before, went to the king and interceded for her people. She requested protection for one more day. And once again, the king granted her request.

Esther, in her own way, pictures the believer coming before the King — interceding for others. She wasn't leading armies. She wasn't holding a sword. But she stood in a powerful position — appealing to the king for protection. Her request sustained the work of God.

Prayer, in the hands of a humble person who pleases the King, is powerful.

Change #4 - God's people, joining Esther and Mordecai, took their stand, and God turned days of sorrow into joy. Esther 9:16-22

Maybe you still say, *"I don't know if I can."* Well, these verses are here to encourage you.

They remind us that God's people can stand for Him, because in the end — after every battle is fought, after every valley is walked — it is God's people who will rejoice, while the enemies of God are no more.

This was supposed to be a month of disaster.

It was supposed to be a day of death and destruction.

But God.

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God changed everything, through one man's stand.

One person standing for God is enough to change the world.