

## FINDING JESUS IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER

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### Esther 2:8-11

#### III. In Pressure to \_\_\_\_\_, Accept the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:8-11)

- A. Our lack of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, cannot hinder the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- B. We gain nothing by concealing our \_\_\_\_\_.

➡ Read Romans 12:21 - *Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.*

- Based on Romans 12:21, We are called to navigate being in the world but not of it. How would you have decided if you were in the situation where Mordecai and Esther found themselves in?*
- Fully complying with the empire's outrageous demands with the goal of winning the "love" of an unworthy royal husband, she would perhaps have objected that she had little choice, but if someone is willing to suffer the consequences, full obedience to God's Law is always an option. Do you agree to this? Is this what Esther and Mordecai should have done?*

#### 3 Outstanding Lessons Can Be Learned:

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ are not perfect, but his \_\_\_\_\_ is. If our imperfections disqualified us from being used by God, then \_\_\_\_\_ of us would be used. God was working through their imperfect decisions and actions to fulfil His \_\_\_\_\_ purposes.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ compromises with the world do not completely disqualify us from engaging with God in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Knowing Peter was ultimately led to \_\_\_\_\_ and restoration; we can hope that all our sins can truly be forgiven as well. \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than all our sins.

### Esther 2: 15

#### IV. Progress of \_\_\_\_\_ In The Presence of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9, 12-15) A.

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ Through The Impossible.
- B. Esther's \_\_\_\_\_ With God's Favor.

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➡ **There is no evidence Esther was praying and depending of God's guidance. Her spiritual life is virtually unspoken or non-visible. But she found so much FAVOR!**

*"If God's blessing were based solely on bold obedience to God, Esther would be owed no favor at all. But God bestows His favor daily on those who do not deserve it & could not earn it -- unmerited favor!"*

- What do you think about God's unmerited favor that was at work in Esther? If this is the case, does that mean I don't have to display any spiritual qualities to enjoy favor and blessing? Is this the license to sin?
- Is it true as depicted in Esther's life, God's blessings were not based solely on bold obedience to God alone?