

YOURBIG M O M E N T

PART FOUR: BIG IMPACT

Sometimes you just don't know what hangs in the balance. Neither did Mordecai. But in a very real way, our actions today always leave a legacy. How would you live if you knew your actions today would leave a legacy for a generation tomorrow?

BIG IDEA: Your actions today impact a generation tomorrow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. To what extent do you think your life has been impacted by the character and decisions of your parents and grandparents, both positively and negatively?
2. When have you seen a seemingly small incident in your past or a friend's past have a bigger impact than expected?
3. In the message, Chris said Mordecai and Esther probably didn't realize their actions could save an entire nation. How often do you think about the long term implications of your actions on future generations?
4. Both Mordecai's and Esther's actions required risk and courage. What risky or courageous decisions are you facing that could leave a positive impact on a future generation?
5. If you believed your actions today would leave a legacy for a generation tomorrow, how might you live differently?

GOING DEEPER

1. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Esther 2:21-23.* How did King Xerxes reward Mordecai for uncovering the plot to assassinate the King? What is the significance of Mordecai's good deed being recorded? (see Esther 5:14-6:13)
2. Go back to Esther 2:21-23 and trace the journey the news took from Bigthana and Teresh to King Xerxes.
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 3:1.* In light of Mordecai's service to the King, how would you feel if you were Mordecai? Have you ever felt like you have been overlooked for a promotion? How does that feel? How would you feel towards the person promoted over you?
4. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 3:2.* What drew attention to Mordecai? *Mordecai did not slander Haman, but he also did not kneel.* How do we know Mordecai continued his stand? (Esther 3:4)
5. What history did Mordecai and Haman's families have together? (For Mordecai, read Esther 2:5 and 1 Samuel 9:1-2. For Haman, read Esther 3:1 and 1 Samuel 15:20)
6. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23. Because King Saul didn't obey God's command in 1029BC, how is that now affecting the Jewish people in 483 BC?

Many times when we choose again to do that bad habit; when we choose again to sin; when we choose again to run to your addiction—we believe that, “I am not hurting anyone else but myself. My bad choices—my bad habits—my sin isn't affecting anyone but me.” How does this story of Haman prove that is a lie?



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bigIdea Small Group Discussion

7. The word *Agag* means *angry*. The name *Haman* sounds like the Hebrew word for *wrath*. Go back and read Esther 3:5. What emotion did Haman experience when Mordecai refused to bow? How did Haman live up to his name?

500 years later, do you know what anger has reproduced? Wrath. What you have generations later when you start with anger is wrath! If you don't deal with your Agag, you're going to produce a Haman. So what's your Haman?

8. What are you doing now that you want your children to be doing in twenty years? What are you doing now that you DON'T want your children to be doing in twenty years?

THINK ABOUT IT

If you want to influence the people around you and your children under you, then start changing you! The Bible says that if you want to influence your children and their children and even your children's children—start with you. All of us are going to influence your children. It's just determining, "Are you going to be a positive influence or a negative influence?"

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WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Pray for your children (if you have children) and for others in your sphere of influence. Pray that God would use your life and daily decisions to leave a positive impact on future generations.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. Deuteronomy 5:9-10

HOW DO YOU PREPARE
FOR YOUR BIG
MOMENT



WHEN EVERYDAY
SEEMS SO
ORDINARY?