

Esther

When Comfort Becomes Dangerous



Message Summary

Esther's story shows us how God is always working, even when we don't understand. After being taken into the king's palace, Esther was crowned queen. Over time, Esther could have become comfortable in the palace, but her biggest step of faith was still in front of her.

If we're not careful, we can also become comfortable. If we can accomplish everything we're doing without needing God, we're probably not living by faith. We can resist comfort by choosing to take bold steps of obedience that honor God and care for others.

Key Scripture

Some time later King Xerxes promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire. All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor. Esther 3:1-2 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Esther 3:6 NIV
- Esther 3:13 ESV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- On a scale of 1-10, how big is your faith and dependency on God right now?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are some barriers that keep people comfortable instead of faithful?
- Read **Esther 3:1-2**. Talk about a time when you had the courage to refuse to do what everyone else was doing.

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when you made a decision that took faith. What did you learn about God through that experience?
- How might God be positioning you for His purpose in this season? What steps of faith do you need to take to be more aware of the people and needs around you, so you can step into this calling?

Start Praying

Heavenly Father, please show us where we've become too comfortable. Grow our faith in You and our awareness of others. Help us to be people who step out of our own comforts so we can fulfill the purposes You have for our lives. Thank You for being with us every step of the way. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Take a bold step of faith this week and share how it goes with your LifeGroup.
- Learn more about Esther's story: www.go2.lc/estherstory
- Start the Bible Plan *Esther: Trusting God When You're Running on Empty* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/plan
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.