

Series: Esther: God is Working Even When We Don't Feel It.

Title: God Will Finish What He Started

Scripture: Esther 8

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

March Scripture Memory: Proverbs 16:18 (ESV) "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." 1 Peter 5:6 (ESV) "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so at the proper time he may exalt you."

- 1) Every good and perfect gift is from God. (vs. 1-2; James 1:17)
 - Humbly Accept them. (Job 2:9-10)
- 2) Prayer is essential to life. (vs. 3–8)
 - Pray like your life depends on it: Scheduled & Spontaneous. (Isaiah 62:6-7; Psalm 122:6)
- 3) What we do and what we say have consequences that live beyond our lives. (vs. 9-14)
 - Speak life and invest in eternal things.
- 4) What you believe about <u>God</u> and His <u>people</u> matter most, and informs every other area of life. (vs. 15-17; Isaiah 49:5-7)
- "If you have no joy in your religion, there is a leak in your Christianity somewhere." Billy Sunday
 - Three things are eternal God, God's Word and the Souls of Men.
 - Love them and sacrifice for eternal things (they're the only things that will last).

Put it to practice:

- 1. Good aifts Humbly Accept them.
- 2. Pray so pray like your life depends on it.
- 3. Words & deeds speak life and invest in eternal things.
- 4. God and His People love them and sacrifice for them.

