

Born for **THIS!**

Part 5 Esther 5-6
Seeing God in the **UNUSUAL**

Two dinners, **INSOMNIA**, and a Gallows

- Esther plots to **SAVE** her people

Esther's **DINNER** request 5:1-8

- Haman plots to **DESTROY** Mordecai's people

Haman's **DISSATISFACTION** 5:9-14

- The King's **SLEEPLESS** night

The king **EXALTS** Mordecai 6:1-9

Haman is **HUMILIATED** 6:10-14

Lesson: Look to see how God often uses unusual people and circumstances to fulfill His plans.

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Life Group Discussion Questions – May 30, 2021

Isaiah 55:8-9 'My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the LORD. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.'

DISCOVER (read Esther 5:1-8)

1. When Esther was received by the king she did something unusual. Instead of making her request in front of everyone, what did she do? Why do you think she took this unusual approach?

2. At the first dinner Esther does not make her request, but instead what does she do? Again, this is unusual. Can you imagine her reasoning?

EXPLORE

1. As you think about how God has worked among us throughout the Bible, can you remember any 'unusual' ways His has accomplished His plans?

2. Read Mark 7:32-35. Jesus helped people in unusual ways. As you think of the ways Jesus helped or healed people, what were some unusual ways?

EXPERIENCE

1. Can you think of a time when God answered your prayer or helped you, but did so in an unexpected or unusual way?

2. Often we expect God to work within our normal way of life or we think He should answer our needs or prayers in logical means. How can this change the way we pray?

3. How has God's unusual means of fulfilling His plans changed your view of God? Has it opened your eyes to see Him working in ways that are outside your 'box' of what is normal or expected?

PRAY/ACTION

Pray... Thank You, Father, that You use unusual means to accomplish Your plans. Help me to limit the ways You can work. Help me to see You in the unusual. Give eyes to see and a heart to be open to new ways for You to work in my life. Thank you that Your ways are above my ways and Your thoughts are above my thoughts.

Action...When you pray for God to meet a need, watch for the unusual thing to happen. And when it does, give Him the glory for it because it was His answer.