

## My Story: Esther

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1. Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Adam talked about God arranging opportunities for us to be involved in His plan. What opportunities have you seen in your life for God to work through you?
3. This week, we talked about fears holding us back from being part of God's plan in the ways he has prepared for us. What types of fears do you think hold you back the most?
4. What are some helpful tips to take a step of faith even when we feel trapped or stuck in our fear?
5. How do these verses help you understand God's intention for your life as a follower of Jesus?

### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

### **James 4:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." <sup>14</sup>How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. <sup>15</sup>What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

### **2 Timothy 2:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. <sup>22</sup>Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

6. How have you seen God work through other members of your group? Have you seen them surrender to God's leading in a difficult time or in the midst of fear?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from this week's message and how do you plan to respond to it?