

PLOT TWIST: How [God] Saved the Queen!

Cast of Characters
Esther 1,2

Plot Twists:

1. God is never mentioned in this story.
2. Esther is not the main character in the story.
3. Esther wasn't chosen for her virtue.
4. This story isn't just about Persia.

storylines prompt:

Write about an incident in your life that may have seemed insignificant to you but that God used in some unusual or unexpected way.



resource guide

First Five / Final Five:

- ⇒ Take the first five minutes of each day to READ God's Word, and the final five minutes of your day to REFLECT on God's Work in your life.
- ⇒ What kindness have you done (will you do) for your neighbor this week?

The Big Idea:

- In your own words, how would you summarize the main idea of the message?

From the Message:

- What aspects of the ancient culture of Persia do you observe—or have to deal with—in your day-to-day life?
- Do you think that Esther was right or wrong for what she did? Why?

From the Passage:

- The Targum, or the oral tradition of the Old Testament, claimed that the golden goblets used at the party (1:7) were those taken from the temple of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. Do you think that affects the story in any way?

Think it through / Talk it over:

- In looking back, where have you seen God at work in your story even without you realizing it? Or when have you realized later that God was using you in something bigger going on?
- What are some examples of ways that we succumb to pragmatism—justifying the means by the ends?
- Do you ever feel like God can't use you because you are not good enough? How do you respond?
- Where have you observed or experienced misogyny? What might be a good way to deal with it?

Take a Step:

- ⇒ Truth transforms us only as we take action. What is your plan to apply this truth?