Series: *ESTHER: The Faithfulness of an Unseen God* *October 20, 2024*

Sermon Resources

Sermon: *A Reversal of Fate: God's Deliverance* *Speaker:* *Jonathan DeJesus*

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Esther 8

Sermon in a sentence: During hard moments God is faithful and in control, we must pray for courage and wisdom to walk in his Plan.

1. God is at work to turn the evil into good (Esther 8:1-2)
2. The Power of standing in the gap (Esther 8:3-6)
3. Walking with Wisdom and Boldness (Esther 8:7-14)
4. Celebration of God's Deliverance (Esther 8:15-17)

Memory verse

For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor. -Esther 8:16

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

Read Esther 8:1-2. How have you seen God work through seemingly impossible situations in your life or in others' lives? What are some ways you're hoping to see God turn your circumstances around?

Read Esther 8:3-6. In what ways does Esther's courage inspire you to be an advocate for others? What could it look like for us to counter the evil we see in our environments? In the world?

Read Esther 8:9-17. How can we seek wisdom and boldness in situations where we need to act in faith? In what ways do we expect our lives with God to be free of conflict? How can continued struggles help refine our character and teach us to rely more on God?

How quickly do you run to God with rejoicing and thanksgiving when he's acted on your behalf? What has it looked like for you to celebrate God? What are some practical ways we can celebrate God's deliverance in our daily lives?