



Title | Reversal Rehearsal
Series | IN SPITE OF MYSELF
Text | Esther 8:1-17
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Sermon Notes

Esther 8:1 On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. **2** And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. **3** Then Esther spoke again to the king. She fell at his feet and wept and pleaded with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews. **4** When the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, Esther rose and stood before the king. **5** And she said, "If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king. **6** For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming to my people? Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?" **7** Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he intended to lay hands on the Jews. **8** But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked." . . . **15** Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. **16** The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. **17** And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them. *ESV*

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Esther 8:16

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- Read Esther 8. Identify all the specific reversals you see in the text that apply to Esther, to Mordecai, to the Jews, etc.

Tuesday:

- What positive reversals have you experienced in your life? To what extent do you feel God was a part of them? If applicable, give thanks.

Wednesday:

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10. To what extent does this reversal describe you? Who is responsible for this reversal? What is your part in it? Give thanks.

Thursday:

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. What reversal is in view here? According to 1 Corinthians 15:58, how should it motivate us?

Friday:

- Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. In this text, two people experience reversals. How are they related? What motivated the reversal of Jesus? How does this make you feel? What should you do?

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