



Abi spoke to us about Esther's extraordinary courage and faith, which resulted in the salvation of her people, the Jews in exile, and that showed:

- God's faithfulness and love to His people to continue his historic promises to their forbearers.
- That God's favour is with purpose.
- Faithful, sacrificial obedience in reliance upon God furthers His will upon the earth.
- The spiritual battle where the Jews fasted and prayed is at least as real as the physical or practical battle.

Key scripture Esther 4:13-17

Who have you B.L.E.S.'ed people this week?

BEGIN with prayer

LISTEN to their story

EAT together

SERVE where there is a need you can meet

SHARE your story of salvation and new life in Christ: our lives matter to other people's lives.

Questions

1. We might not be called to save a nation, but there are people whose salvation could depend on what we do. Let's discuss the obstacles and tactics of the enemy that get in the way of us doing the good works we're called to in Christ, and how we might help each other, perhaps as Mordecai helped Esther.
2. Esther and Mordecai lived as Jews, captive in a foreign land. Should they have just fitted in with the other people around them? Should they have stood up for themselves, their rights and protested or rebelled? Or was there an alternative path for them to take?
3. How are you inspired by Esther's story?