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Esther's Story

God Is Sovereign • *We Decide to Live His Way*



Divine Dependence ...Digging Deeper into the Word

If you can, read all of **Esther**. If not, read **Esther 7**, when she makes her petition to the king.

- From what you know of Esther's story, what are the implications of 7:3-4?
 - In your own life, what are some defining moments where you acted boldly? How does your time with God prepare you for such moments?
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Read **Psalm 145**.

- What phrases in this psalm stand out to you in connection with the themes and events of Esther's life?
 - This psalm says that God will respond when we pray *in truth* (v. 18-19). Do you feel God's closeness when you call on him?
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Read **Luke 18:18-30**, the story of a rich man who asked Jesus about eternal life.

- How was this a defining moment for for the man in this story? How did he decide to live?
 - Reflect on Jesus' words in 18:27. How do they shape the way you respond to God in faith?
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Read **James 1:19-25**.

- Think about the idea of divine dependence and the doing of the word (v. 22). Is your study of God's word central to your Christian action?
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Continue to reflect and pray...

Sovereign God, through your living word, guide me today and every day so that I am open to the possibilities you have for me. I want to follow you with all that I have. Amen.