



Unexpected Purpose: A Study of Ruth & Esther

Unexpected Plot Esther 3

There is a real enemy in the world working to destroy the people of God.
(3:1-11)

When the world seems to be falling apart, it doesn't mean God is absent.
(3:12-15)

"We cannot see the end of things from the middle, so we walk by faith not by sight." -Karen Jobes

Case Study on PRIDE – Haman the Proud

Definition: concentration on the self; self-absorption

Results: makes you foolish

unable to overlook an offense

slave to public opinion

discontent with life/unable to experience joy

root of all other sins

ultimately leads to death

Cure: admit you are proud

don't think more or less of yourself, instead think of yourself less

Timeless Truth:

There is no enemy who can stand against God and His sovereign plan.

Discussion Questions:

What real life examples have you seen that prove there is an enemy in the world working to destroy the people of God?

Read Ephesians 6:10-12. Who or what is our real enemy?

“We cannot see the end of things from the middle, so we walk by faith not by sight.” Why is this statement so hard to live out?

When considering what pride looks like in your life, do you tend to think too highly of yourself, or too low of yourself?

Read the list, “Results of pride in Haman’s life.” Which of these resonates with you? Do you have something to add to the list?

There is no enemy who can stand against God and His sovereign plan. In what ways does this offer you comfort, encouragement, and motivation in life?