

ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY GOOD

Selected scriptures from Esther

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TWO LIFE LESSONS FROM THE STORY OF ESTHER

1. WHEN SIN IS _____, IT _____ EXPONENTIALLY.

“And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury. ⁶ But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, as they had made known to him the people of Mordecai, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.”

Esther 3:4-6

“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.

¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

2. GOD DOES _____ THINGS THROUGH _____ PEOPLE.

[Mordecai]: “...was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother.when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.”

Esther 2:7

[Amos]: “...I’m not a professional prophet, and I was never trained to be one. I’m just a shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD called me away from my flock and told me, ‘Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.’”

Amos 7:14-15 (NLT)

“When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am just a man.” **Acts 10:25-26**

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

1. I CANNOT _____ IN MY LIFE.

“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.” **Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT)**

“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.”

Romans 6:12 (NLT)

2. I GIVE MYSELF TO GOD FOR HIS _____.

“.....Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

Esther 4:14

“Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

Esther 4:16

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

James 4:17

All Scriptures ESV (English Standard Version) unless otherwise noted.

NLT: New Living Translation

NASB: New American Standard Bible

HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible