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Message Series: "Courage for your Calling"

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## *Message-based Study*

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### **Connection**

Describe a time when you have experienced your life changing in an instant.

### **Cheer and Challenge**

- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

### **Content:**

**"God's plan is a straight line that no one can bend"**

What does this statement say to you?

### **God set the stage according to His good plan.**

1. (Esther 1:1-21) Queen Vashti is deposed. "When we can't sense things with our minds, we need to sense things with our Faith." What are some challenges you're facing where it is difficult to see that God is working out His good plan?"

### **You are who you are for a good reason.**

2.(Esther 2:1-18) Esther, a Jew, is selected to be made queen and a public holiday is proclaimed. How can you use your unique position for the glory of God?

### **Doing the right thing always brings good results.**

3. Read Esther 2:21-23 and Galatians 6:9. When you are in an impossible situation, and confused about which way to go, do the next right thing. How can we take this principle and apply it to our challenges? What is your "next step" to conquering your mountain?

### **Opposition to the truly good is inevitable.**

4. Read Esther 3:1-15 & Proverbs 16:33. How most have the Jewish people felt to hear this edict? How have you experienced the “truly good” being opposed in your life?

### **Good does not always mean easy.**

5. Esther 4:7-14. Esther is reminded she has the opportunity to save the Jewish people here. As Esther needs to rise above her own fear to face this challenge, how can we do the same?

### **Sometimes it comes down to an appeal to the goodness of God.**

6. Notice God’s promise for His people will be fulfilled with or without Esther (vs. 14). What does this say to you?

### **Commitment**

#### **What is the risk of faith? What is the risk you need to take?**

7. Read John 6:28-29 & John 10:14-16. What are you called to? How are you going to face your challenges this week, by keeping these verses in mind?



**Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.**

If you feel led this week, **Listen with care.** Who is someone new you can be keeping in B.L.E.S.S ? Would you like to share any updates with the group on someone you have shared about in the past?