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## When God Seems Silent – Week 2 “On Purpose, For His Purpose”

**Big Idea:** Where you are is on purpose - for His purpose.

### Step 1: Obey Before You Understand

#### **Esther 2:1 (CSB)**

*Some time later, when King Ahasuerus’s rage had cooled down, he remembered Vashti, what she had done, and what was decided against her.*

#### **Esther 2:8 (CSB)**

*When the king’s command and edict became public knowledge and when many young women were gathered at the fortress of Susa under Hegai’s supervision, Esther was taken to the palace, into the supervision of Hegai, keeper of the women.*

#### **Esther 2:10 (CSB)**

*Esther did not reveal her ethnicity or her family background, because Mordecai had ordered her not to make them known.*

**Just because you didn’t choose it, doesn’t mean God can’t use it...**

### Step 2: Trust the Unseen Hand

**Esther 2:9 (CSB)**

*The young woman pleased him and gained his favor so that he accelerated the process of the beauty treatments and the special diet that she received. He assigned seven hand-picked female servants to her from the palace and transferred her and her servants to the harem's best quarters.*

**Esther 2:15b (CSB)**

*Esther gained favor in the eyes of everyone who saw her.*

**Esther 2:17 (CSB)**

*The king loved Esther more than all the other women. She won more favor and approval from him than did any of the other virgins. He placed the royal crown on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti.*

**Step 3: Be Faithful in the Small Things****Esther 2:15 (CSB)**

*Esther was the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai who had adopted her as his own daughter. When her turn came to go to the king, she did not ask for anything except what Hegai, the king's eunuch, keeper of the women, suggested. Esther gained favor in the eyes of everyone who saw her.*

**Step 4: Let God Write the Story****Esther 2:21-23 (CSB)**

*During those days while Mordecai was sitting at the King's Gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who guarded the entrance, became infuriated and planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. <sup>22</sup> When Mordecai learned of the plot, he reported it to Queen Esther, and she told the king on Mordecai's behalf. <sup>23</sup> When the report was investigated and verified, both men were hanged on the gallows. This event was recorded in the Historical Record in the king's presence.*

**Jeremiah 29:7 (CSB)**

*Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive."*