

## When Purpose Hides- Week 3

*Life is shifting, disorienting, confusing. It's not what you expected. So what do we do when purpose hides?*

### Conversation Starter: Pick one of the questions below to get started-

- What is the most fabulous prize or award you ever won/received?
- Did you or your kids go through the “how phase”? What drives you crazy about continually being asked why?

### Discussion Questions:

**Question 1:** Who is someone who used their influence or resources to help you in a pivotal circumstance?

- **Read Esther 4:14**

**Question 2:** Because of the circumstances surrounding her, God's people were in danger of becoming extinct. How did God position Esther to be in the right place at the right time?

**Question 3:** David shared that God has positioned you where you are today. Based on your current set of circumstances, how does this change your outlook in this season of life?

**Questions 4:** Why is it so easy to forget about the providence of God when we're at the top of the “U”?

- **Read Genesis 12:2-3**

**Question 5:** Blessed to be a blessing is an essential principle in the Bible. Why do you think that we tend to hoard favor rather than use it for the good of others?

**Question 6:** Whom might God have put in your life “for such a time as this”?

**Question 7:** Esther had to step out in faith and make a bold move, unaware of the outcome. What is one bold move God is asking you to make today?

### Next Steps:

- **Make a bold move:** No matter where we find ourselves on the “U,” we're asked to live by faith. Take some time this week and ask God how he wants to use this season of your life to make a difference in the lives of those around you.
- **Commit it to memory:** In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Paul, a man who was no stranger to tough circumstances, reminds us that our troubles are light and momentary compared to eternity. Write out that verse this week and commit to memorizing it. When problems strike, it will help you keep perspective!

### Prayer:

God, thank you that nothing takes you by surprise. You know our story, you know the circumstances surrounding our lives and you have a plan for us. Please help us to be receptive to your voice so that we don't miss the opportunities that you have designed for us to put into motion.