

**ESTHER**  
WHEN GOD SEEMS ABSENT  
PART THREE: GRACE UNEXPECTED  
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Life is sometimes the art of staying prepared for the unexpected events that visit each of us. God prepares His heroes and heroines, and certainly Esther was divinely prepared for her role as the new queen.

## A king with no queen is lost.

When we reject God and live alone with ourselves, the promised freedom turns into bondage of a never-ending cycle of disappointment.

There are no accidents and coincidences; every event has its place in God's plan for your life.

Love and mercy are poured out on the worst of humanity, this is unexpected grace.

## A man with character is not forgotten.

Mordecai was a good man who kept his faith in all circumstances.

**Colossians 3:23** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*

We are to respect the authorities over us as they are placed there by God.

**Romans 13:1** *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

In the Kingdom of God, no one is ever truly discounted or forgotten.

Honor is given to those who work well behind the scenes, this is unexpected grace.

## A queen with courage is a hero.

Many are scared to trust Jesus as their Lord, mistakenly believing they will give up more than they gain.

Faith is not an easy concept to grasp and more difficult to adopt as a lifestyle.

You and I can be heroes in the Kingdom of God by representing Jesus to those under the condemnation of death.

A purposeful role in the plan of God for the salvation of the world is unexpected grace.

## Take this with you...

If you have ever lived apart from Christ, you know what it means to wander in a wilderness of loneliness and restlessness.

Salvation is given to those who have no right to live with God forever, this is unexpected grace.

Accepting Jesus as your Lord merely sets the stage for the work of deliverance. He seeks to accomplish in your life.