



*Love turns the Day of Doom into the Day of Freedom*

- Esther is put into a position of **influence**  
As a **child of God** I have been given a position of influence.

- Mordecai Uncovers a Conspiracy  
It is always Good to save a life.

- Mordecai refuses to kneel before Haman

- Haman plots to destroy all the Jews  
I am connected to **all** of God’s family.

My actions reflect upon my Lord and all who follow him.

- Haman casts lots to decide the Day of Doom  
Laws cannot be changed

*For the wages of sin is death.*

- Mordecai seeks Esther’s Help  
I have a **unique** position of influence.

*Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* Hebrews 4:16

- Esther’s Risk- Esther 4:11  
What am I willing to risk for others freedom?

- Seeking God’s favor through Fasting  
Fasting demonstrates our **earnest** desire to God for his help.

- Esther takes a Risk  
Am I willing to face **rejection** for trying to save others?

- The Law of Life **Defeats** the Law of Death. Romans 8:2  
*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23

King’s law gave the Jews the right to defend themselves against any people that wanted to destroy them and to also plunder anyone who tried to harm them.

The Jews defended themselves but took no plunder.

- **Celebrate** Freedom

Jews celebrate Purim: Pur- to cast lot

Philippians 4:4-7

**Personally:** A Legacy of **lasting love** will require a risk on my part to seek the salvation of others.

## 2015 Year of Love- Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love

**July's Memory Verse** – *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13 (NIV)

### Monday 7/6- Read Chapters 1&2 of Esther

**Question:** Both Vashti and Esther were beautiful women, why did Vashti lose favor and Esther gained favor with King Xerxes?

**Truth:** Esther did what others instructed her to do and Vashti failed to do as she was asked.

**Meditate:** 1 John 2:5-6- *But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

**Prayer:** Lord, I am listening and ready to obey, what would you have me do?

**Action:** *He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."* Luke 11:28

**What** is God telling me to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday 7/7- Read Chapter 3 of Esther

**Question:** *Then the royal officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?"* Esther 3:2

**Truth:** *Day after day they spoke to him but he refused to comply. Therefore they told Haman about it to see whether Mordecai's behavior would be tolerated, for he had told them he was a Jew.* Esther 3:4

**Meditate:** Galatians 3:26 - *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,*

**Prayer:** Father God, thank you for adopting me into your family through my faith in Jesus Christ.

**Action:** *Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children.* Ephesians 5:1

**Blessings** I'm thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday 7/8- Read Chapter 4 of Esther

**Question:** *And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"* Vs. 14

**Truth:** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.* 1 John 3:1

**Meditate:** 1 Peter 5:4- *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

**Prayer:** Lord thank you for always hearing my prayers... Pray what is on my heart.

**Action:** *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* Hebrews 4:16

**What** God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 7/9- Read Chapters 5&6 of Esther

**Question:** *"What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?"* Esther 6:6

**Truth:** *The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.* Proverbs 3:35

**Meditate:** Romans 6:23- *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Prayer:** Father God, I desire that my life will honor you and in turn you will bless me with eternal life.

**Action:** *Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.* Proverbs 14:31

**What** can I do today that is honoring to God: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday 7/10- Read Chapters 7-10 of Esther

**Question:** How was the Day of Doom turned into a Day of Freedom?

**Truth:** Esther took a risk because of her love for God and his people. The law of Life Defeated the Law of Death.

**Meditate:** Philippians 4:4- *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

**Action:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Philippians 4:6

**Who** will I share God's love with today: \_\_\_\_\_