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Esther 9-10

In the last two books of Esther, we see a radical reversal of events. Those who were to die, now would live. Those who had no future, now had hope. Those who were to have no peace, now experienced peace. Those who were elevated, now were condemned.

We also see that logic and reason have no bearing on what portions are received. It is not evil men throwing dice to determine our portion but an all-knowing, benevolent God who gives our portion to align with His sovereign purposes.

Questions:

1. When we see a reversal it serves to spark an idea in our minds that God is at work. What areas of your life do you see God at work?
2. Can you think of a time or situation when you experienced a radical reversal and received salvation instead of condemnation? Or vice versa?
3. Purim is a day of celebration to remind the Jewish people of the relief that was granted to them. Name some ways and/or methods you use to remember God's relief or goodness in your life.
4. Anxiety, fear, anger and panic are all indicators of who we actually believe to be in control. What are some examples in your life right now that reflect your struggle to trust God in His sovereignty?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What assurance do you take from this verse?