

## I Surrender All Esther 5:1-14

### The Context

In the white space between chapters 4 and 5, Esther is between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ ... she's between talking the talk and walking the walk.

### The BIG Idea

Following through on our commitment to do the hard thing is all about \_\_\_\_\_. To do that, you must ...

1. Embrace your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Forsake your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Esther: "Your Will Be Done"

Esther is moving ...

- Cautiously, but \_\_\_\_\_: verses 1-2  
Isaiah 66:1, "Thus says the LORD: 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool ...'"  
Psalm 84:11, "... The LORD bestows favor and honor."
- Calmly and \_\_\_\_\_: verses 3-4  
Psalm 23:5, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies ..."
- Wisely and \_\_\_\_\_: verses 5-8

### Haman: "My Will Be Done"

It's all about ...

- An inflated but \_\_\_\_\_ ego: verse 9
- A kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_: verses 10-14

### Application

- This chapter is a chapter of \_\_\_\_\_—between a woman who is following through on her commitment to do the hard thing ... and a man who is bent on doing his own thing.
- Following through on doing the hard thing is all about ...
  1. Embracing our identity: "\_\_\_\_\_ am I?" Psalm 118:6-7, "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me."
  2. Forsaking our idolatry: "What am I \_\_\_\_\_ for?" 1 John 5:21, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Romans 8:3, "By sending His own Son in the flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh."