

CHOOSE OR LOSE: A DEVOTIONAL, WEEK 2

Verse to Memorize: *“For we are God’s handiwork (*poema*) created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* – Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

You are poetry. Not an accident. Not a scribbled note in the margins. Not a half-formed idea waiting to be refined.

You are God’s **poēma**—His **masterpiece**. His intentional, skillfully crafted creation.

Think about that for a moment. The very hands that painted the galaxies, the voice that spoke the mountains into being, the mind that designed the vast and intricate ecosystems of this world—those same hands, that same voice, that same mind **created you**. And not just for existence, but for **a purpose**.

It’s easy to forget this in the chaos of life. We drown in responsibilities, question our worth, and wonder if the work of our hands really matters. But God’s Word tells us that we were **designed for something specific—good works that He prepared in advance for us to do**. That means every moment of your life has the potential to echo eternity.

Esther’s story reminds us that God’s masterpieces don’t always feel prepared. She was an orphan, an outsider, a young woman thrust into a palace not by choice but by circumstance. And yet, **God had already woven purpose into her being before she even knew it was there**.

When the moment of decision came—when she had to choose between fear and faith—Mordecai’s words echoed truth:

“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” – Esther 4:14

She didn’t feel ready. She didn’t have a perfect plan. But she chose to trust that the **God who made her was also the God who had placed her**. And so, she stepped forward. She walked into the unknown, risking everything, holding fast to the belief that God had created her **on purpose, for a purpose**. And because of her courage, her people were saved.

What About You?

Maybe today you feel unqualified. Maybe you feel stuck, or unsure, or afraid of making the wrong choice. Maybe you’ve believed the lie that your life is random, that you have no real impact.

But here’s the truth: **You were created by a God who does not make mistakes.**

You are His **masterpiece**—not a rough draft, not a background character, but a **beautiful, intentional, living expression of His love and purpose**. The question is: **Will you believe it?** Will you trust that God has placed you where you are, not by accident, but by divine design? And will you step forward in faith, **choosing to live in the purpose He has already written for you?**

Because the world needs the masterpiece He created in you. Throughout this week as you read through Esther, reflect on the following questions. Maybe pray into and ask God to reveal, where are you not believing Him about the life that He’s created for you to live?

Pause and Reflect

1. What holds you back from believing that you are God's masterpiece?
2. Where has God placed you "for such a time as this"?
3. How can you walk in faith today, trusting that God has already prepared good works for you to step into?

Day 1: You Were Created for This

READ: Ephesians 2:10 and Esther 2:8-18

REFLECT:

Esther didn't choose her position, but **God had already chosen her purpose**. Even when she didn't see it, He was orchestrating every detail.

- What does it mean to be **God's handiwork** (poēma)?
- How does seeing yourself as **God's masterpiece** change the way you think about your purpose?
- Have you ever felt like your current position is random? What if God has placed you **exactly where you are for a reason**?

JOURNAL:

- List **three gifts, passions, or experiences** that make you unique.
- How do these things reveal the "poetry" of God in your life?

Day 2: What Happens if You Don't Step In?

READ: Esther 4:12-14 and Matthew 5:14-16

REFLECT:

Mordecai challenged Esther: *"If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish."*

- What is **at stake** if we don't step into our God-given role?
- How does this passage remind us that **God's work will be done**—but we are invited to be part of it?
- How does Jesus' teaching in **Matthew 5:14-16** connect to this? What happens when we **hide our light**?

JOURNAL:

- What is one way you might be **hiding your light** right now?
- What would stepping into your purpose **boldly** look like?

Day 3: Fear or Faith – What’s Holding You Back?

READ: Esther 4:15-17 and 2 Timothy 1:7

REFLECT:

Esther was afraid—but she still **moved forward in faith**. She fasted, prayed, and then said, *“If I perish, I perish.”*

- What are the **fears** that keep you from stepping fully into God’s plan?
- How does 2 Timothy 1:7 challenge those fears?
- What would it look like to **step forward anyway, despite the fear**?

JOURNAL:

- Write a **letter to your fear**. Name it, acknowledge it, and then declare why it will **not define your actions**.

Day 4: The World Needs What You Carry

READ: Esther 5:1-8 and 1 Peter 4:10-11

REFLECT:

Esther’s **unique voice and courage** changed history. If she hadn’t spoken up, an entire people group would have suffered.

- What if the gifts God placed in you **aren’t just for you**—but for **others**?
- How does 1 Peter 4:10-11 show that our gifts are meant to **serve and impact the world**?
- Who in your life **needs** what God has put in you?

JOURNAL:

- Write down **one way** you can serve or impact **someone else** this week using your gifts.
- Pray for the **courage to walk in it**.

Day 5: Live as God's Masterpiece

READ: Proverbs 3:5-6 and Esther 7:1-10

REFLECT:

Esther's obedience led to **justice, victory, and freedom** for her people. God used her because **she was willing to be used**.

- What could happen in your life—and in the lives of others—if you fully committed to God's calling?
- How does Proverbs 3:5-6 encourage us when we feel unsure of our next step?
- What does it mean to **trust God's plan, even when we don't see the full picture**?

JOURNAL:

- Write a **declaration of purpose**. What is one area of your life that you will **fully surrender** to God's plan?