



## The Beauty of God's Faithfulness

Welcome to worship with NewDay!

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us:

<sup>8</sup> *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and forever.*

*Psalm 145:13* says: *The Lord is trustworthy in all his promises and faithful in all he does.*

This morning we thank God, for his promises last forever, back through the past, and forward into the future.

### **Psalm 138 (CEB)**

*Leader:*

*I give thanks to you with all my heart, LORD.  
I sing your praise before all other gods.*

**ALL:**

**I bow toward your holy temple  
and thank your name  
for your loyal love and faithfulness  
because you have made your name and word  
greater than everything else.**

*Leader:*

*On the day I cried out, you answered me.  
You encouraged me with inner strength.*

**ALL:**

**Even though the LORD is high,  
he can still see the lowly,  
but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.**

*Leader:*

*Whenever I am in deep trouble,  
you make me live again;*

**ALL:**

**The LORD will do all this for my sake.  
Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD!  
Don't let go of what your hands  
have made.**

### **Esther 4 (CEB)**

4:11 "All the king's officials and the people in his provinces know that there's a single law in a case like this. Any man or woman who comes to the king in the inner courtyard without being called is to be put to death. Only the person to whom the king holds out the gold scepter may live. In my case, I haven't been called to come to the king for the past thirty days."



<sup>12</sup> When they told Mordecai Esther's words, <sup>13</sup> he had them respond to Esther: "Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. <sup>14</sup> In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family."

<sup>15</sup> Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren't to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will." <sup>17</sup> So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.

## **Esther 7**

7:1 When the king and Haman came in for the banquet with Queen Esther, <sup>2</sup> the king said to her, "This is the second day we've met for wine. What is your wish, Queen Esther? I'll give it to you. And what do you want? I'll do anything—even give you half the kingdom."

<sup>3</sup> Queen Esther answered, "If I please the king, and if the king wishes, give me my life—that's my wish—and the lives of my people too. That's my desire. <sup>4</sup> We have been sold—I and my people—to be wiped out, killed, and destroyed. If we simply had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have said nothing. But no enemy can compensate the king for this kind of damage."

<sup>5</sup> King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is this person, and where is he? Who would dare do such a thing?"

<sup>6</sup> Esther replied, "A man who hates, an enemy—this wicked Haman!" Haman was overcome with terror in the presence of the king and queen. <sup>7</sup> Furious, the king got up and left the banquet for the palace garden. But Haman stood up to beg Queen Esther for his life. He saw clearly that the king's mood meant a bad end for him.

## **Esther 10**

10:3 Certainly, Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus in importance. The Jews also admired him greatly, and his many brothers and sisters were proud of him. He always wanted to do good things for his Jewish people and to speak up for all his family whenever they needed help.

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### **Questions For Reflection**

**How have you seen God's promises and faithfulness unfold from the past, to the present, and into the future?**

**Was God's faithfulness evident at the time or did it become evident as time moved forward?**

**Are there tangible ways you remind yourself or "remember" God's promises and faithfulness?**

## **NOTES**

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**...a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**  
**...passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**  
**...a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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