



020.How Can I Find Security in Uncertain Times? ESTHER: *Preparing for Purpose*

Challenge from the podcast:

Discover how Esther's path to becoming Queen required much to PUT ON!

Use daily encouragements on back to help you get Spiritually dressed this week.

Read Esther 2:12-13 (circle any items which would need to be put on)

12 Before each young woman was taken to the king, she was given the prescribed twelve months of beauty treatments... six months with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments. 13 When it was time for her to go to the king's palace, she was given her choice of whatever clothing or jewelry she wanted to take from the harem.



Consider how these treatments changed Esther during the first year. What might she have had to take off before she could put anything on? Do you think this only affected her appearance? Why?

Read Esther 4:1, 4 (circle any items which would need to be put on)

1 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry...

4 When Queen Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed. She sent clothing to him to replace the burlap, but he refused it.



Why did Mordecai tear his clothes? Why do you believe Esther sent him something to put on? When you get dressed, do your clothes only change your appearance? What else might be affected?

Read Esther 5:1 (circle any items which would need to be put on)

1 On the third day of the fast, Esther put on her royal robes and entered the inner court of the palace, just across from the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne, facing the entrance.



Esther has now been queen for five years. These were no longer new garments to her. Why do you think the writer of this book took the time to mention these clothes? Would these be everyday queen-wear?



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a place where
WARRIORS PUT ON

Here is a 7-day devotional guide to encourage you this week. Each day, PUT ON that which God desires to clothe you, rather than just waiting to feel like a warrior.

Sunday

HOPE

Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You.

Psalm 25:5

As you get dressed this morning, speak these words aloud to God, as you PUT ON hope... the expectation that He will bring a blessing today.

Monday

PROTECTION

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection.

2 Samuel 22:31

Tell God that you trust Him. Speak words of faith before you feel them. God will cover you with His mighty hand and draw you closer still.

Tuesday

FAVOR

Let Your favor shine on your servant. In Your unfailing love, rescue me.

Psalm 31:16

Step outside sometime today. When you feel the warmth of the sun shine upon you, realize He is rescuing you with His favor and unfailing love.

Wednesday

STRENGTH

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.

2 Chronicles 16:9

Tell God today that you trust Him with your mind, heart, and soul. He will give you strength to be victorious in all the challenges you face today.

Thursday

WISDOM

Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

Proverbs 3:18

As you get dressed today, ask God to speak wisdom, making it the heaviest idea of the day. Trust it above the foolish words that some may speak rashly.

Friday

FOCUS

We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Begin this day asking God to reveal to you how the things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal... and turn toward them.

Saturday

PURPOSE

Doesn't the potter have the power over the clay to make one pot for special purposes...

Romans 9:21

Step into this day knowing that God is molding you and making you with circumstance and influence for a purpose greater than you would expect. And trust Him.

God prepares us... for what He has prepared for us!

I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Luke 2:30-32