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Week 3: Esther - Preparation Before Placement

I am so excited to begin Week 3 of our Identify Her series. First, I want to say how much I enjoyed our Zoom Bible study on Monday. Seeing women from different backgrounds, experiences, and seasons come together to learn, grow, share, and support one another reminded me exactly why God placed Wife Within on my heart.

Over the past two weeks, we have done some important foundational work.

In Week 1, we asked the question, "Who am I without the title?" We discovered that our identity is not found in our relationship status, accomplishments, or the opinions of others. Our identity is found in Christ.

In Week 2, we explored purpose and calling. We learned that before we are chosen by anyone else, we have already been chosen by God. We discussed the importance of understanding our assignment, protecting our hearts, and aligning our lives with God's purpose.

Now, we begin studying some of the most influential women in Scripture.

And who better to start with than Esther? When many people think of Esther, they think of beauty, royalty, and favor. But Esther's story is so much deeper than a crown.

Esther teaches us about preparation.

She teaches us about patience.

She teaches us about wisdom.

She teaches us about timing.

She teaches us how to carry influence with humility.



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Long before Esther sat on a throne, God was preparing her heart. Long before she wore a crown, she was developing character. Long before she saved a nation, she learned how to listen, learn, and grow. One of the greatest lessons we can learn from Esther is that preparation often happens in private before purpose is revealed publicly.

This week, we will take a closer look at the wisdom of Esther and how her character positioned her for the assignment God had placed on her life.

As women, many of us pray for the platform, the promotion, the relationship, the opportunity, or even the marriage. But Esther reminds us that God's preparation is just as important as God's promise.

Before placement comes preparation.

Before influence comes wisdom.

Before elevation comes character.

My prayer for each of you this week is that you begin to see your current season differently. Perhaps God is not delaying you. Perhaps He is preparing you.

Let's dive into the life of Esther and discover what it truly means to walk in wisdom, preparation, and purpose.



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Main Scripture:

Book of Esther

ESTHER'S CHARACTER:

- Patient
- Prepared
- Graceful
- Strategic
- Teachable
- Courageous
- Emotionally disciplined

Weaknesses/Potential Challenges:

- Initially silent/passive
- Needed growth in boldness

THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WOULD MARRY ESTHER:

A powerful, influential, leadership-driven man.

Esther's femininity and wisdom fit a kingly environment. A woman like Esther often attracts men in leadership because she carries grace under pressure and knows how to move strategically.

BREAKDOWN OF HER HUSBAND:

Ahasuerus

- Powerful
- Wealthy
- Influenced by advisors
- Desired beauty and grace
- Needed wise counsel around him

Discussion Questions:

- Are you prepared for the environment you're praying for?
- Can you carry influence without losing humility?

