

*Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality. **Esther 2:17, 18 (NIV)***

## LESSONS FROM AN UNLIKELY HERO

1. ESTHER REMINDS US THAT LIFE IS OFTEN \_\_\_\_\_ THAN WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE

*In this world you will have trouble... John 16:33 (NIV)*

2. ESTHER REMINDS US THAT THERE IS AN UNLIKELY \_\_\_\_\_ IN EACH OF US

*God began by making one person, and from him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God decided exactly when and where they must live. God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us. **Acts 17:26, 27 (NCV)***

3. ESTHER REMINDS US THAT GOD IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T \_\_\_\_\_

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **Romans 8:28 (NLT)***

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:6 (NLT)***