



# MOTHER'S DAY

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** How have you been influenced by your mother or a mother figure that prepared you for your future?

**READ:** Exodus 2, Esther 1-10, Ruth 1-4

**FOCUS:** God is shaping your life and destiny in unexpected ways. You are designed for destiny.

## **OBSERVE:**

### **Destiny**

God can use the mothers in our lives to shape our destiny. He has a destination for us.

- **Moses:** God used Moses' biological mother and Pharaoh's daughter to raise Moses and influence his destiny. He was placed in the water and drawn up out of it and would later take his people through the waters out of Egypt and then again into the Promised Land.
- **Esther:** Mordecai showed both paternal and maternal love for Esther and supported her when she was faced with a difficult consultation with the king regarding a murderous edict against her people. Esther also became this mother figure for her people, the Jews living in Persia at the time.
- **Ruth:** Jesus is part of Ruth's lineage, revealing God's favor and destiny operating in her life.

### **Different**

The stories of Moses, Esther, and Ruth all went differently than what was expected.

- God uses what we view as different for our good and to shape our destiny.
- Moses, Esther, and Ruth all faced their own share of suffering, but God was faithful to them and fulfilled His plan for each of their lives.

### **Decision**

We have the free will to make our own choices.

- Moses, Esther, and Ruth chose to be strong in their faith when they faced difficult decisions.
- We can choose to persevere and believe even when circumstances in life seem impossible.
- We can also make life-giving choices by surrounding ourselves with community in the church.

## **REFLECT:**

- Describe an example of something unexpected from this season of your life.
- Pinpoint some other factors that Moses, Esther and Ruth had in common regarding God's destiny for their lives.

## **TAKE ACTION:**

- Make the choice to value community; we need others around us during this time more than ever.
- Reach out to your mother or a maternal figure in your life and encourage her with this message today!
- Please join us in reading the book of John during this series. This coming week's scriptures are John 1:35-51.

## **PRAY:**

*Lord, thank You that You have a destiny planned for us. We pray that through the unexpected twists and turns, we would trust in You and rely on Your promises in our lives. We put our hope in You, knowing that You are faithful to us just as You were faithful to Moses, Esther and Ruth. In Jesus' name, amen.*

