

TakeNote

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When Life Has You Trapped

—Esther 3–4

Part 2 of 5 in a study of the Book of Esther

*When you run out of options and everything seems hopeless,
you can have hope because your God never runs out of options.*

Life Seems Hopeless Because of... (Esther 3:1–15)

1. The existence of common suffering
2. The overindulgence of sensual appetites
3. The ignorance of blatant favoritism
4. The influence of raw greed
5. The arrogance of manipulative people
6. The consequence of past failures
7. The tolerance of racial hatred
8. The indifference to human life
9. The absence of God's intervention

Question #1: Do you feel hopelessly trapped right now?

Life Can Be Hopeful if... (Esther 4:1–17)

1. You accept the reality that you will never be exempt from pain here on earth
(no matter who you are)

2. You understand the truth that God will make a way to accomplish His purposes

(whether you let Him use you or not)

3. You embrace the idea that God has you right where He wants you

(whether you want to be there or not)

4. You take the step that is the next right step

(and then let God be God)

Question #2: What is your next right step?