

## **It Ain't Over 'til It's Over Esther 8:1-17**

Much of life is about learning to \_\_\_\_\_ God while moving from one \_\_\_\_\_ to another.

Lamentations 3:21-23, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

### **The BIG Idea**

We are deeply and desperately \_\_\_\_\_ on God's new-every-morning \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Why We Need God's Mercies**

1. Life's most daunting \_\_\_\_\_ often follow life's most rewarding \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 1-2).
  - Proverbs 21:1, "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will."
  - When God grants us victory over one problem, don't get \_\_\_\_\_ ... don't get \_\_\_\_\_ ... don't let your guard down.
  - John 16:33, "... In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
2. The barrage of difficulties reveals that the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ us (verses 3-8).
  - James 1:2-3, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."
3. Difficulties are God-shaped opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory (verses 9-17).
  - How did God get the attention of an entire empire? Through an \_\_\_\_\_ and her adoptive \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Two Questions**

1. Am I really deeply and desperately \_\_\_\_\_ upon God's sufficient new-every-morning mercies?
2. Do I really believe those new-every-morning mercies are \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness that we have done ... but according to His own mercy He saved us."
  - Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."