

Hebron Ministry to Women

*The Queen  
and I*

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Esther 4:13-14

# Queen Esther

When asked which female character in the Bible I admire, my answer would be Queen Esther. I admire her courage, humble and contented spirit, and the favour she often found with King Ahasuerus and his court.

What moves me was her response to the exhortation spoken by Mordecai, her cousin and guardian:

"Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, ... And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"



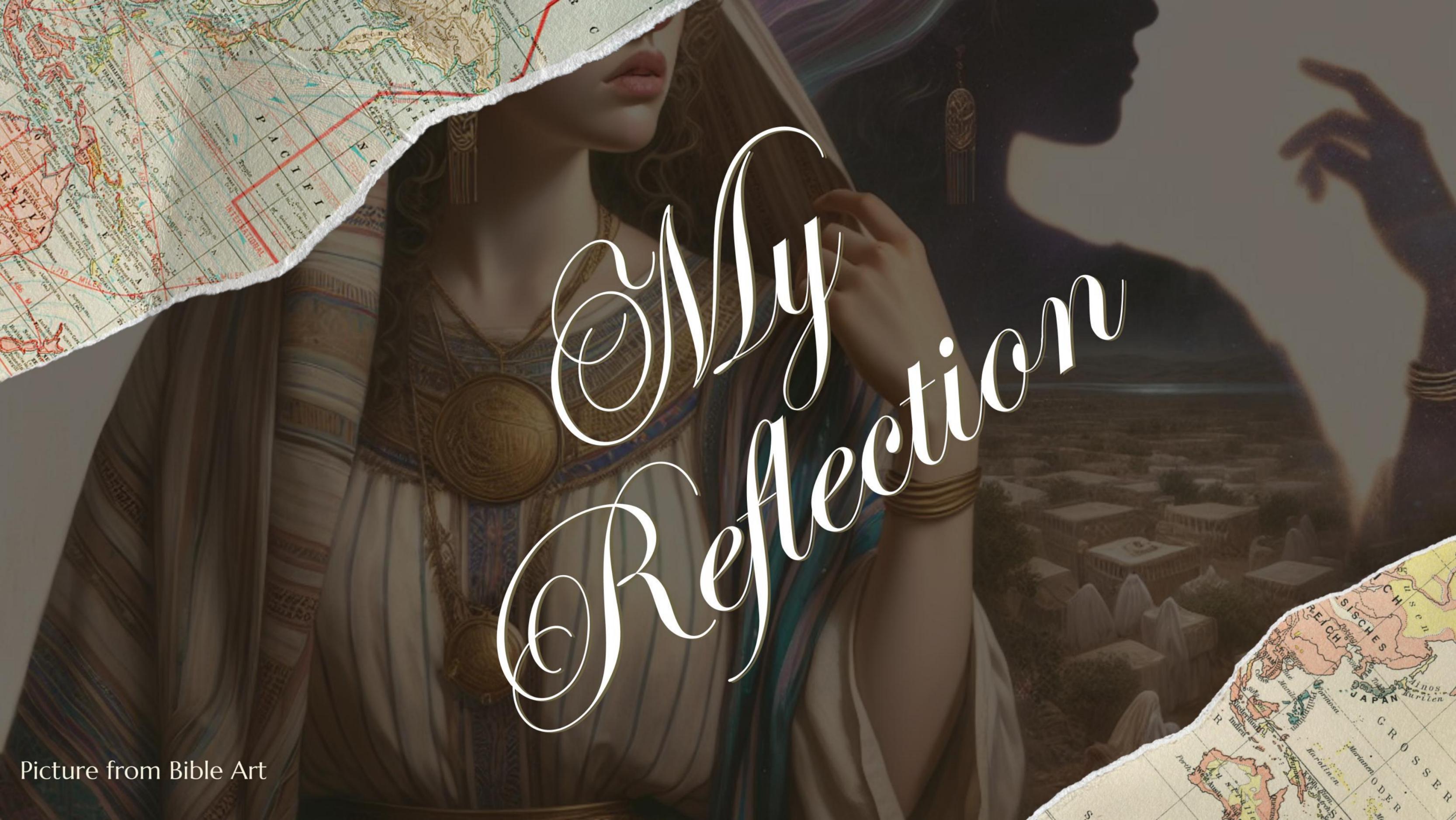
Evil Haman had devised a plan to annihilate the Jews in the Persian Empire, and Queen Esther was faced with a terrifying decision. Should she approach the king to plead for her people, knowing she could be put to death if he did not extend his golden scepter? Up until that point, her Jewish heritage had remained a secret.



Esther chose to act bravely. “If I perish, I perish,” she resolved. Her courage and faith were rewarded—she won the king’s favour, overturned the deadly decree, and saved her people.

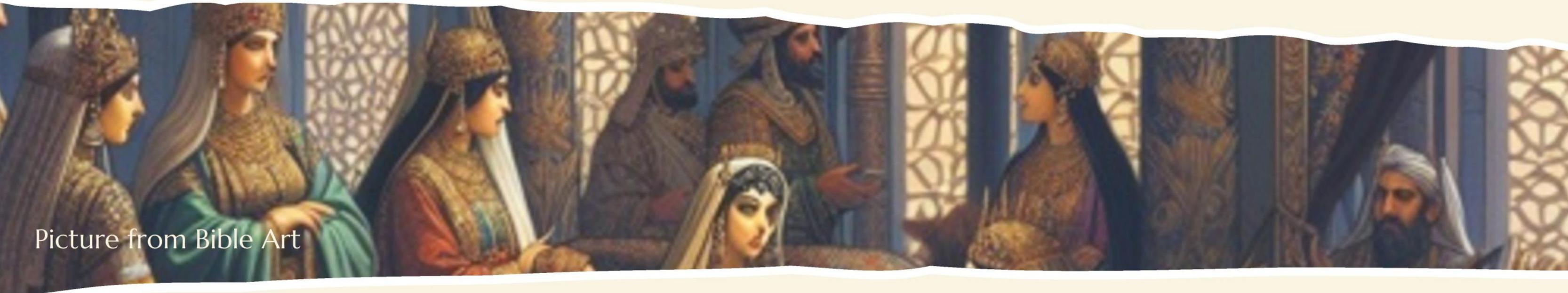
Esther 4:16



The image is a complex digital composition. On the left, a woman in ancient Egyptian-style clothing, including a large gold circular pendant and a headscarf, holds a map of the Pacific Ocean. The map shows the Pacific basin with labels like 'PACIFIC OCEAN' and 'INTERTROPICAL'. In the center, a white, elegant cursive script reads 'My Reflection'. On the right, a dark silhouette of a man's head and hand is shown, with his hand pointing towards a detailed, isometric cityscape of ancient Egypt. At the bottom right, another map fragment shows the Pacific region with labels like 'SISCHES REICH', 'JAPAN', and 'GROSSER ODER'. The overall aesthetic is historical and artistic, with a focus on exploration and reflection.

# My Reflection

I see parallels with my own struggles during moments of uncertainty and fear.



Picture from Bible Art

I've faced crises where I questioned my role and wondered, "Why am I here? Why do I have to deal with this? Should I step back and let someone else handle it?" At times, I wished I could vanish altogether.



*And who  
knows whether  
you have not  
come ... for such  
a time as this?*



Picture from Bible Art



This phrase has often helped me pause and reconsider my position. It reminds me to submit to God's wisdom, trusting that He has placed me exactly where I am meant to be. Looking back, I've found myself grateful for those moments, even when they were challenging.



Recently, I felt prompted to revisit the book of Esther, and I prayed for the Spirit to reveal fresh insights. This time, I was struck by something I had previously overlooked: Esther's call for fasting.



Before stepping into the king's court, she asked her people to join her in fasting for three days and nights. It was this collective intercession and her trust in God that gave her the courage to take such a monumental step. I've seen the power of prayer and community in my life too.



# *My experience*

Once, I asked a prayer group to lift me up before I visited the Malaysian High Commission to renew my passport. To my frustration, the office was unexpectedly closed the next morning.

As a result, I could not book the flight for our family trip on time. I remember feeling disappointed but I chose not to complain. “Surely, God is in control.” I told myself.

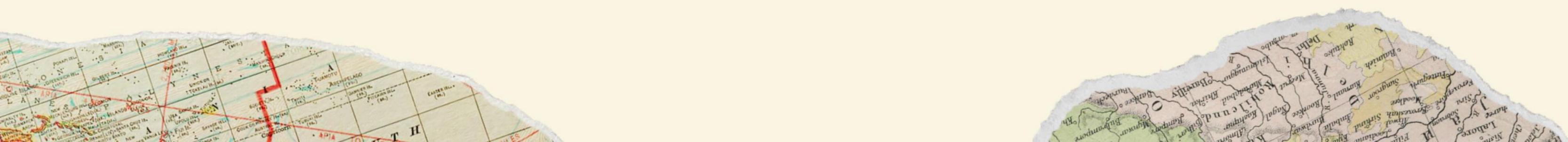
Knowing that others were praying for me strengthened my faith and confidence in God’s providence. Queen Esther must have had that same peace when she stepped into the inner court that day.



Two weeks later, when I finally got my passport renewed, the same plane tickets were available at an \$800 discount!  
I was stunned.



I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude—not just for the discount, but for the peace that God gave me in the waiting.

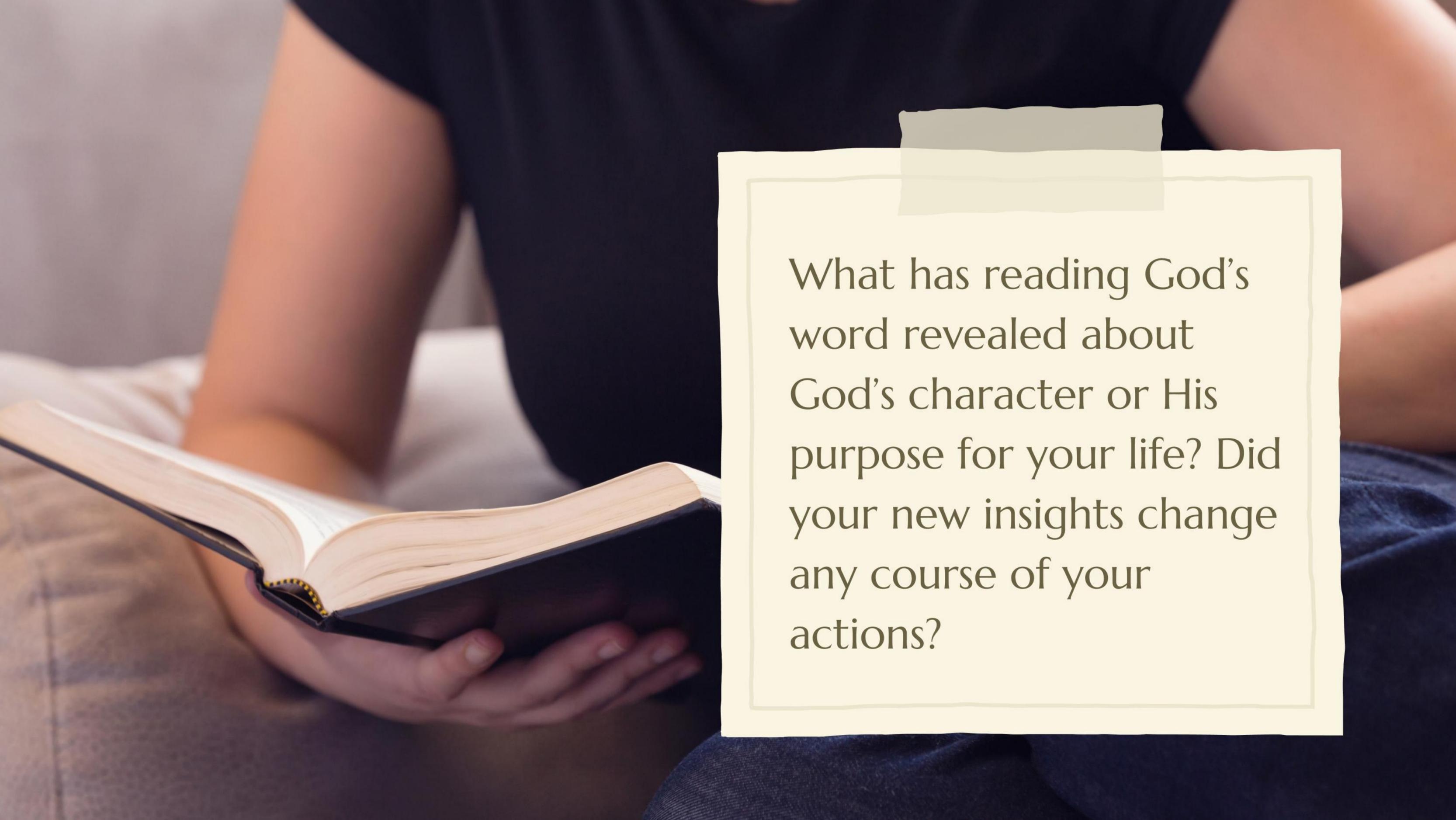


A group of people are sitting in a circle on a green carpet, holding hands in prayer. The image is partially obscured by a white, torn-edge graphic on the left side. The text is written in a cursive font over this white area.

*Prayer doesn't just  
change circumstances  
— it transforms our  
hearts, anchoring us  
in the assurance of  
God's presence and  
guidance.*



*What about you?*

A person is sitting and holding an open book. The book is open to a page with text. The person is wearing a dark blue shirt. The background is a light-colored wall. A yellow sticky note is attached to the book, containing the following text:

What has reading God's word revealed about God's character or His purpose for your life? Did your new insights change any course of your actions?



I encourage you to explore Scripture. Start small—a short book or a single chapter—and ask the Spirit to enlighten you. God has promised to “guide you into all truth” (John 16:13).



May your journey into His word be filled with discovery, encouragement, and a deeper understanding of His plans for you.



*Experiencing  
God in  
Difficult Times*

Our next project is a composition of our experiences of God during difficult times. Please write to [pohyeen@hebronbp.org.sg](mailto:pohyeen@hebronbp.org.sg) to share your story so that someone may be encouraged.



# *Ministry to women Happenings in 2025*

Meaningful Exchange Workshop:  
5th & 26th April,  
9:30am-12:30pm

Fellowship & Trivia:  
One Saturday quarterly,  
10am-12:30pm

Small groups:  
Each group has a different focus  
and timing.

Please contact Poh Yeen for more  
information about the happenings.



