



A Sleepless Night Esther 6

Chapter 6 is the **pivot point** of this story. All of a sudden we realize that **things are not always as they seem**. *Share a story of a time when things were not what they seemed to be!*

Please look at the following statements and discuss:

1. When everything seems great, it may not be. (Esther 6:1-2)
 - Have you ever had an interruption like a sleepless night? How may God seem to be working in your life without you fully understanding it yet?
2. When no one seems to notice, God sees. (Esther 6:3)
 - Have you ever felt unnoticed or unappreciated? Do you think God sees it? Read Rev. 22:12. Do you believe that God will reward you?
3. When you seem important, you may not be. (Esther 6:4-9)
 - How do we, like Haman, have a tendency to look for human approval? How did Jesus live by example? (Phil. 2:6-9)
4. When nothing seems just, it still is. (Esther 6:10-14)
 - How does it make you feel when you see Haman leading Mordecai through the city, giving him honor, when a few hours before Haman was planning to impale him? Do you find comfort knowing that God is just (see also Psalm 89:14)?

Application

Take the challenge this coming week to "*Fix your eyes, not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.*" (2 Cor. 4:18) Pray for each other to have God's perspective on what you see around you.