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Message: How to Keep it Together

Series: Esther: Sovereignty in Silence **Scripture:** Esther 5:1-14 Haman's identity: Esther's identity: How to change our identity from one to the other:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Esther 5:1-14

- 1. When have you realized you were overly dependent on something in this world for your stability or meaning in life? What made you realize it?
- 2. What advice did the people around you give you when you explained your overdependence? How influential was their advice on you?
- 3. If outside input makes a difference in how we process our stress, how can we surround ourselves with helpful outside input?
- 4. How can we compassionately advise each other to seek God in moments of stress or breakdown without sounding "preachy" or condescending?
- 5. When have you felt that you truly found God during a stressful season? How do you believe that happened?
- 6. How do you explain why some people run toward God and other people run away from God when they experience the exact same circumstances?