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PART 2: THE MAN OF GOD

Jesus redefines masculinity through self-control, humility, and sacrificial love. Men are invited to adopt a better script—one that shapes how they lead, love, and live every day.

CONNECT

What's a trait you admire in others that you wish came more naturally to you?

LEARN

Before watching the video together and discussing the questions provided, we suggest taking a few moments to pray. Here's a simple prayer you can use:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this opportunity to explore the story of Esther. Help us to gain a better understanding of how you've worked through the lives of people for thousands of years. May we be people who long to be used by you today. Amen.

APPLY

After the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. What stood out to you about how John describes Jesus?
2. Think about someone you know whose life made their faith feel compelling—or at least credible? What was different about them?
3. Read the Jesus script for men out loud and then discuss the following questions:

A man who follows the Jesus script is a man who:

- ...forgives regardless, without being asked.
- ...refuses to return evil for evil but looks for an opportunity to return good for evil and understands that lust commoditizes a woman.
- ...leaves revenge in God's capable hands.
- ...publicly celebrates the success of other men.
- ...is not owned by his possessions.
- ...equates greatness with elevating others rather than himself.
- ...stands at the funeral of a friend and weeps openly.
- ...stops to help someone who can't return the favor.
- ...is more concerned with controlling himself than controlling the people around him. He

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knows when it's time turn over tables and when it's time to turn the other cheek.

- ...is more inclined to defend the rights of others than his own.
 - ...will speak the truth regardless of the consequences.
 - ...is angered by the mistreatment of others.
 - ...isn't overly troubled by trouble.
 - ...ends each day with a clear conscience.
 - ...is willing to bring the fight to his two primary enemies every day: his appetites and insecurities.
 - ...equates success with doing the will of his Father in heaven.
4. Which of these attributes felt most admirable to you? Which part felt most unrealistic for everyday life?
- Pick one of the attributes from the list that you aspire to see more of in your life. What is one thing you could do this week to move in that direction?

WRAPPING UP

Take some time this week to reflect on the Jesus script and ask yourself where you see the Jesus script in your life the most and least.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for showing us what real life looks like. Give us the humility to admit where we fall short and the courage to follow your way. Shape our character, strengthen our hearts, and help us reflect our King in how we live, love, and lead. Amen.