

An open Bible with a black cover lies flat on a dense layer of autumn leaves. The leaves are in various shades of orange, yellow, and red, creating a textured background. The Bible's pages are white with black text, and its spine is visible in the center.

# Pastor's Challenge

## **October Esther Challenge**

As we study the book of Esther this October, we invite you to take part in a weekly challenge that will help you live out the themes of the story. Each week highlights a key truth from Esther and provides a simple but powerful challenge to put into practice. Let's grow together in faith, courage, and purpose.

## **Week 1: Hidden but Present (Esther 1–2)**

Theme: God's hand is at work even when unseen.

- Keep a gratitude journal—write at least one way you saw God's hidden provision each day. •

Share one story of God's hidden work with a friend or group.

## **Week 2: For Such a Time as This (Esther 3–4)**

Theme: Courage and obedience when God calls.

- Do one courageous act of obedience for God this week.
- Write down your step of courage and be ready to share testimony.

## **Week 3: The Power of Prayer & Fasting (Esther 4:15–17)**

Theme: Seeking God before acting.

- Choose one day (or one meal each day) to fast and pray for church, community, and nation. •

Create a prayer list of three people you will intercede for daily.

## **Week 4: Reversal & Redemption (Esther 5–10)**

Theme: God turns mourning into joy.

- Do one intentional act of kindness that brings joy or relief to someone in need. • Share

testimonies of how God used you to bring 'beauty for ashes' in someone else's life.

Each week builds on the story of Esther and gives us a chance to step into God's calling in our own lives. Remember, just like Esther, you are placed where you are for such a time as this!