

FOUNDATIONAL PRACTICE: SHARING YOUR STORY

This week, we see the backstory of Esther and how her circumstances – both past and present – lead her to this moment. Sharing our stories can feel vulnerable and yet also bring great comfort and worship as we look across the threads of our life and see God’s redemptive purposes. Spend some time filling out the Life Map² below with your heritage, heroes, high points, hard times, and the hand of God.

Name:	Age/Life stage Location	Age/Life stage Location	Age/Life stage Location	Age/Life stage Location
HERITAGE: How have your family relationships, ethnic or geographical influences shaped your life?				
HEROES: What relationships influenced your character/shaped your direction (positively & negatively)? How? Why?				
HIGH POINTS: What experiences have you especially enjoyed? Why?				
HARD TIMES: What experiences were especially difficult or painful? Why?				
HAND OF GOD: When/how have you seen God's hand at work in your life? List specific events that illustrate His work in your life.				

² “Your Life Map” is adapted from the Re:Engage Curriculum, Watermark Church, Dallas, Texas.