True Story – Walking with Esther

Setting the Scene: Read Esther 1.
What do you notice about the setting, the people, the banquet? And why do you think King Xerxes held the banquet?

Do you think Queen Vashti was right in refusing to come to the king? Why or why not?

Do you think the King’s advisors were correct in what they told the King? (v. 19-20) Why or why not?

How Esther became Queen: Read Esther 2.
As you read this chapter, put yourself in Esther’s shoes. (If you’re a guy, I want you to do this, too.) Practice empathy. What does it feel like being taken away from your home? What does it feel like being put on display for someone to judge your appearance?

It is mentioned three times that Esther won approval in someone's eyes (vv. 9, 15, 17). What does this tell us about Esther?

Even though God has not been directly mentioned in the book, where do you see his hand moving in the story so far?

Apply it to your own life.
Where do you see God’s hand moving in circumstances in your life right now?

Pray.
Ask God to give you confidence in his work in your life.