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FAMILY PASTOR

YOUNG ADULTS
Thursdays at 7 PM in the Chapel

BEAUTIFUL TIMING

ESTHER 3-4

ESTHER 3:1-2 (ESV)

¹ After these things King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) promoted Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha,

ESTHER 3:1-2 (ESV)

and advanced him and set his throne
above all the officials who were with him.

ESTHER 3:1-2 (ESV)

² And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman,

ESTHER 3:1-2 (ESV)

for the king had so commanded concerning him.
But Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage.

ESTHER 3:7 (ESV)

In the first month, which is the month of Nisan,
in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus,

ESTHER 3:7 (ESV)

they cast Pur (that is, they cast lots) before Haman day after day;
and they cast it month after month till the twelfth month,

ESTHER 3:7 (ESV)

which is the month of Adar.

ESTHER 3:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews.

ESTHER 3:10-11 (ESV)

¹¹ And the king said to Haman, “The money is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you.”

ESTHER 3:12 (ESV)

Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded,

ESTHER 3:12 (ESV)

was written to the king's satraps and to the governors
over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples,

ESTHER 3:13 (ESV)

Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with instruction to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews,

ESTHER 3:13 (ESV)

young and old, women and children, in one day,
the thirteenth day of the twelfth month,

ESTHER 3:13 (ESV)
which is the month of Adar,
and to plunder their goods.

1

God's timing is always perfect, even when **it doesn't feel perfect.**

PSALM 18:30 (ESV)

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

PSALM 139:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made
in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

PSALM 139:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written,
every one of them, the days that were formed for me,

PSALM 139:15-16 (ESV)

when as yet there was none of them.

PASTOR DANIEL BISHOP
“God doesn’t react to our problems.”

ESTHER 3:15 (ESV)

The couriers went out hurriedly by order of the king,
and the decree was issued in Susa the citadel.

ESTHER 3:15 (ESV)

And the king and Haman sat down to drink,
but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion.

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish.

ESTHER 4:13-14 (ESV)

And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

2

It is a **privilege to partner** with God in His deliverance.

APPLICATION QUESTION

What are the things I am saying “no” to right now?
What excuses am I making for why I can’t partner with God?

ESTHER 4:14-17 (ESV)

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¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai,
¹⁶ “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa,

ESTHER 4:14-17 (ESV)

and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do.

ESTHER 4:14-17 (ESV)

Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law,
and if I perish, I perish.”

ESTHER 4:14-17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

3

God has beautiful and perfect timing **for each of us.**

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

“if I were standing at the beginning of time...and the Almighty said to me, “Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?”...

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Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

“If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th century, I will be happy.”

APPLICATION QUESTION

Is there a role in your life in which you feel under qualified?
How do you think God is wanting to use you in that area?

4

When **overwhelmed** by God's perfect timing: **pray**

JAMES 5:13-16 (ESV)

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

JAMES 5:13-16 (ESV)

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

JAMES 5:13-16 (ESV)

15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

JAMES 5:13-16 (ESV)

**¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.**

JAMES 5:13-16 (ESV)

**The prayer of a righteous person
has great power as it is working.**