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Esther

Fear is a prerequisite for courage, not a disqualification. Lean into your fears and allow them to drive you in the right direction – toward courage that only God can provide. Then, do the hard things.

Scripture:

Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”

Esther 4:13-16

“He must become greater; I must become less.”
John 3:30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28

Ice Breaker and Intro Question:

1. Who are you celebrating this week?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday’s service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

3. Before Sunday’s message, what did you know about Esther’s story?

4. Did anything from the story as it was taught on Sunday surprise you? Did you learn any new aspect of Esther's story?
5. Michael talked about God's providence – the times that show that God has been at work in small circumstances to do something big. How have you seen God at work when looking back over the past seasons of your life? (Try to share quickly, if possible, to allow several people to share.)
6. Have someone read Esther 4:13-16 out loud. What do you notice about this moment in Esther's story? What do you notice about Mordecai? What do you notice about Esther?
7. Michael talked about how we all need someone like Mordecai in our lives – someone who speaks truth and perspective into you. Who is someone like that in your life?
8. Courageous love is selfless and trusts that God is always at work. Have someone read John 3:30 and Romans 8:28 out loud. How do these truths encourage you today?
9. Finish your discussion by praying together. Try to express gratitude for the people who God has used in your own story – especially the women and mothers!

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