

“Getting To The Heart Of God’s Story”

Week 20

“Courage to Live For Such A Time As This!” – Esther

- 1. Choose to believe that God is sovereignly at work in your life.** Esther 1-2
- 2. Choose to overcome evil with good.** Esther 3-4:11, Romans 12:21
- 3. Choose by faith to hold onto God’s promises no matter what.** Esther 4:12-14
- 4. Choose God given courage to live for such a time as this.** Esther 4:15-7-10
- 5. Choose to let God turn your tragedies into triumphs.** Esther 8-10, Phil. 4:13, Romans 8:37-39

Application:

1. From an earthly perspective, the early story of Esther appears to be situations unfolding by men and women’s choices, but we soon find out God is very much in control. What is one circumstance in your life right now where you need to trust that God is in sovereign control of your life?
2. In the story of Esther, the King’s right hand man, Haman, is arrogantly plotting the death of the Jews. Meanwhile, Mordecai, the Jew, saves the king’s life by reporting an upcoming assassination attempt. He chose to do good over evil. Perhaps a situation or a person is bent on evil for you. What could you do to overcome evil with good? Read Rom. 12:21.
3. When Mordecai challenges Esther to action, he assures her that God will in fact raise up a deliverer, even with no deliverer in site. He did this because of the promises in God’s Word. What can we do to embrace the promises of God no matter what might be the circumstances we face?
4. Esther risks her life to save her people believing God has placed her in her position of authority for such a time as this. God has placed you in this marriage, in this community, in this church for such a time as this. What do you think he is calling you to do for his glory?
5. The feast of Purim was a worshipful festival to celebrate and praise God for turning Israel’s tragedy into a triumph. Choose to give God glory now by sharing of a tragedy that the Lord turned into a

triumph for his glory and the strengthening of your faith?