

MESSAGE NOTES

DATE JULY 5, 2020

SERIES: For Such A Time As This

MESSAGE: *Living With Confidence and Courage*

TEXT: *The Book of Esther*

The book of Esther is all about God working _____ the scenes.

The book of Esther teaches us an important truth: the _____ and _____ of God can lead us to a _____ and _____ life.

The **presence** of God means that God is _____.

The **providence** of God means that God is always _____ to bring about His _____.

1. The Presence of God.

- The world is filled with the presence of a brilliant God who _____ every person on earth.
- God wanted to _____ each of us as a unique and beautiful work of art.
- We call that _____ the line of faith. When we think highly enough of Jesus to trust Him with control of our lives, then something wonderful happens.
- Through _____ in Jesus, we are assured of God's presence with us and in us.

2. The providence of God.

- It's not until chapter 8 that we realize that God was _____ working all the way back in chapter 1.
- God is at work in your _____.
- God is always working, even when He's _____ to spot.
- Nothing _____ His notice.
- The providence of God makes God the great _____ of life.

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BIG IDEA: THE PRESENCE AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Getting Started

Describe what you imagine heaven is like.

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God's influence during different chapters of your life?
2. Esther eventually reveals her true self. Discuss a time when you were nervous about revealing your true self to others. How did others respond?
3. When Jesus died on the cross, we exchanged our guilt for His innocence. How does believing this truth help you when trying to change certain aspects of your life?
4. How do you notice God being active in your day-to-day life? If you're not seeing Him daily, what might you need to change in order to notice Him?
5. Do you truly believe that God is with you and that He is working/moving in your life?
6. Read Romans 8:28. Discuss a time when you saw God working through a difficult situation.
7. God planned you, you are unique and a beautiful work of art. Share about your uniqueness and your gifts.
8. What is standing in your way of living with true confidence and courage that comes from completely trusting God with your life?

Going Deeper

This Week, read the book of Esther. Reflect on what you have learned from this book and messages. How will your life be changed moving forward?

PRAYER

Creator God, fill our hearts with your Spirit and help us to live in Your presence and providence each day of our lives. Help us to remember your immeasurable power and love and then live with complete confidence in knowing that when you are with us, nothing can stand against us! Thanks for loving us so much and by giving us the greatest reversal of all time when Jesus took our sin as His own. In Your Holy Name, Amen!