

MESSAGE NOTES

DATE JUNE 7, 2020

MESSAGE: *Competing Kingdoms*

SERIES: *For Such a Time as This*

TEXT: Esther 1; Romans 8:31-39

God is _____ at work, weaving things together for the _____ of those who call Him their God.

_____ is thinking highly enough of God to trust Him with our life. Faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God.

God is continually _____ to people who don't ask for His help and don't deserve it.

Esther Chapter 1 illustrates two important New Testament Truths:

First – the _____.

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”

Romans 8:31

God is already working to _____ what is about to happen. The Bible tells us He _____ our days before one of them has come to be.

Second – the _____.

This comes from Jesus, when He taught His disciples to pray. *“Pray this, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.”*

What a _____ in Kings. Xerxes was a king who _____ life – signing death warrants for entire groups of people. As opposed to Jesus who _____ down His life for His people.

He _____ each of us and assures us that we will be treated with dignity and respect and that we will love it in His Kingdom.

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BIG IDEA: MY KINGDOM VS. HIS KINGDOM

Getting Started

What would you like to have total control over and why?

Discussion Questions

1. Read and discuss Romans 8:28, "*God is always working things together for the good of those who call Him their God.*"
2. The name of God isn't mentioned in the book of Esther but it is very obvious that He is still present and working. How does this help you when you are going through a time in which you can't feel God's presence?
3. Have you ever felt like God was absent in your life? Describe what this was like.
4. What was noteworthy about Queen Vashti refusing the King's request?
5. King Xerxes was humiliated in front of his guests, which led to him and his council feeling threatened. How have you responded to being humiliated or threatened?
6. Read Romans 8:31-39. Discuss the hope and encouragement Paul writes about in these verses.
7. Discuss the differences between the two Kings: Xerxes and Jesus.

Going Deeper

Write or reflect on a time when you were so focused on your kingdom that you lost sight of His Kingdom. Describe how you can be purposeful in pursuing God's Kingdom moving forward in life.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I trust you with my kingdom and ask that you incorporate my kingdom into yours. Fold me into the greater one. Help me to do this with total confidence in knowing that you love me enough to protect and care for me. Guide my steps in pursuing Your Kingdom and knowing that you are always working things together for good. Amen.