

Esther – Root Work  
Week 5 - Oct 4, 2025  
Esther 5-6 “Gods Hidden Hand”

Verses Quoted or Used & Quotes:

- ~ John 6:37
- ~ Hebrews 10:22
- ~ Coincidence is God’s way of remaining anonymous.
- ~ Philippians 2:10-11
- ~ James 4:6

~ J. G. Bellett - “... the wonderful interweaving of circumstances which we get in this history. There is plot and underplot, “wheels within wheels,” circumstances hanging upon circumstances, all formed together to work out the wonderful plans of God.”

Challenge Questions: Discussion

- Share a time when you experienced what seemed like a ‘coincidence’ but later realized it may have been God working behind the scenes.
1. How does the concept of ‘God’s hidden hand’ challenge or strengthen your faith in times of uncertainty or adversity?
  2. In what ways can Esther’s courage and wisdom in approaching the king inspire us to face our own difficult situations with both boldness and discernment?
  3. How might pride, like Haman’s, blind us to God’s work in our lives and the lives of others?
  4. What are some ‘coincidences’ in your life that, upon reflection, might actually be examples of God working anonymously?
  5. How can we cultivate patience and trust in God’s timing, especially when we feel overlooked or unappreciated like Mordecai?
  6. In what ways does the story of Esther challenge our understanding of divine intervention and human responsibility?
  7. How might recognizing God’s control over even small details, like the king’s sleeplessness, change our perspective on daily life?
  8. What lessons can we learn from Haman’s downfall about the dangers of seeking honor for ourselves versus honoring others?
  9. How does the ‘law of reversal’ in God’s kingdom (the humble being exalted and the proud being humbled) manifest in our lives and society today?
  10. In what ways can we, like Esther, use our positions or influence to advocate for justice and protect the vulnerable?

## Key Themes:

- Even when God seems hidden, He is always at work weaving His plan for His people.
- Godly courage involves both boldness and patience in waiting for God's timing.
- Unchecked pride can lead to destruction and rob us of joy.
- God orchestrates even small details to fulfill His purposes.
- God sees our faithfulness, even when we feel overlooked.

## Thought Provoking Questions:

1. How does the story of Esther demonstrate God's providence even when He seems silent? What are some ways?
2. How does Esther demonstrate both courage and wisdom in her approach to the king? How can we apply this balance in our own lives?
3. Discuss the statement: "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." How have you seen this play out in your own life?
4. Haman's joy was robbed by his fixation on Mordecai. How can we guard against letting small frustrations overshadow our blessings?
5. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's timing, even when you want to rush ahead?
6. How does the story of the king's sleepless night encourage you about God's attention to detail in our lives?
7. Reflect on Mordecai's situation. How can we remain faithful in times when we feel overlooked or underappreciated?

## Key Takeaways:

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## Practical Applications:

1. This week, keep a "Providence Journal." Write down small events or coincidences that could be God working behind the scenes.
2. Identify an area where you've been impatient with God's timing. Commit to praying for discernment and the strength to wait on His perfect timing.
3. Make a list of blessings in your life. Use this to combat any tendencies to focus on what's frustrating you, like Haman did.
4. Choose one way to serve others "behind the scenes" this week, remembering that God sees our faithfulness even when others don't.
5. If you're feeling overlooked, write a letter to God expressing your feelings and affirming your trust in His faithfulness.