

Series: In Every Sacred Place

Sermon: Every Sacred Moment

Primary Texts: [Numbers 11:14-17](#); [Esther 4:14](#); [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

Discussion guide:

- What are some things you do to decompress or rest?
- What is the difference between rest and escape?
 - Why is escape dangerous?
 - What are some dangerous things you do to escape?
- Why is the belief that “the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence” dangerous?
- Why is it a spiritual practice to learn to stay or “bloom where you’re planted”?
- Read Numbers 11:1-17
 - Why is Moses discouraged?
 - What point does he make to God?
 - Why do you think he says he doesn’t want to see his “wretchedness” (ESV)?
 - Why is being honest with yourself, others, and God about your abilities and state of mind important to the practice of staying?
 - What is God’s solution to Moses’ problem?
 - What does this teach us about what we should do before we leave?
- Read Esther 14:4
 - What advice does Mordecai give us for the practice of staying?
 - Have you ever found yourself in a difficult situation that you wanted to escape but you knew the right thing that God would have you do in that situation?
 - What are some examples of obvious right things people ought to do but want to flee from?
- Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 - What advice does King Solomon give us for staying?
- Read Psalms 73:25-26
 - How does God being our portion help us to stay?