

# BEHIND THE SCENES PULPIT CURRICULUM

### **God Defends His People**

August 16 – August 22, 2020

### 1. GOING DEEPER

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# Esther 9:1-19 1) a) In Esther 9:1 "...the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them." What lessons do we learn from this turn around in

- b) Why is unity so important when it comes to overcoming the strategies of the enemy?
- c) Given the reaction of the officials in verse 3, what could have been the driving motivation for their behavior? Discuss.
- 2) a) Compare and contrast the request of Esther in chapter 7: 3 and that of chapter 9:13?
- **b)** What was the significance of hanging Haman's sons? (9:14)
- 3) a) Given the fact that Mordecai's decree allowed the lews to plunder the enemy's goods, discuss why the lews would "lay no hands on the plunder' (Verses 10,15 & 16)?
- b) How have you experienced God's help or deliverance in your life? List some of the ways that you can establish the validity of your confidence in God.

# 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

1) To what extent do you trust God to defend you in times of trouble?



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God will defend me

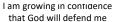
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<ol><li>What can you do to h</li></ol>	ave greater trust in God's
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### 3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week? \_\_\_\_\_. I will ask \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_to hold me accountable in this.

# **Key Verse**

Esther 9: 3 (ESV)

"All the officials of the Provinces and the satraps and the governors and the royal agents also helped the lews, for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them."

### **Sermon Main Points**

# Sermon Highlights

God defends His people and as such we should:

- Stand United You Will Overpower the enemy
- Press Forward! Avoid the distraction of early success
- Be Assured! God will complete the mission
- Be Joyful! Celebrate the victory
- The enemy is orchestrating divisive plans far greater than you can even imagine, but we have a God that is greater than any other, more powerful than any other and always present, a characteristic that no other possesses
- The greatest power God's children have over darkness is unity. The arch enemy loves to divide and conquer as he knows full well that we are stronger together.
- A single drop of water is a weak and powerless thing; but an infinite number of drops, united by force of attraction, will form a stream, and many streams combined will form a ravenous river with such strength that It defies the power of man

### 5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

### Day 1

#### 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

What I learned (observation / interpretation):

How I will Respond (application):

# Day 2

#### **Philippians 1:6**

What I learned:

How I will Respond:



#### **Deuteronomy 7:9**

What I learned:

How I will Respond:



#### **Hebrews 3:6**

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

# Day 5

#### 1 Corinthians 1:10

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

#### **Inductive Bible Study Method**



Observation (What does the text say?)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. *Ask yourself the five W's and H:* (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



# Interpretation (What does the text mean?

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- What is the main theme and what is the meaning of key words:
- Examine cross references
- Compare translations
- Summarize the text
  - Use commentaries (last resort)



# <u>Application</u> (How should this affect Me?)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?

Seek to identify if there are - Sins to confess; Promises to claim; Examples to follow; Actions to obey or Knowledge to grow in.