

# GROWING DEEPER

The book of Esther has been called the godless book because God never speaks and his name is never even mentioned, however, his hand of providence is behind everything. Why do we tend to assume that God isn't working if we don't see miraculous, flashy and extravagant displays of power?

What is God's providence, and what are some scriptures that illustrate this truth?

How can God's providence reassure us in the midst of difficulty or uncertainty? What are some examples in your life of times God was providentially working behind the scenes in ways you would only discover later?

Throughout church history, Esther has always been an example of great courage in the face of uncertainty. Read Esther 4:1-17 and discuss what Esther must have been thinking and feeling as she prepared to go before the king. In 4:13, Mordecai asks Esther to consider that God may have ordained her to be queen for such a time as this; to stand before the king and plead for her people. What is the relationship between God's providence and our responsibility? What unique opportunities do you have in the time, situation and relationships God has given you?

What risk was Queen Esther taking by approaching the king and how did she prepare for it? How does the story of Esther foreshadow the story of Jesus?

Queen Esther was willing to risk her life to save her people. If you have taken a risk to do what was right, please share it with your group. What fears often get in the way of moving forward with bold faith? Create a prayer list of areas where you need courage. What fears do you need rooted out of your heart? What opportunities do you have this week to walk in boldness?



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EVERY STORY HAS A BEGINNING

## ESTHER: GOD'S FINGERPRINT

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*For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

Esther 4:14 <sup>(ESV)</sup>

# WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give when the offering comes by. We simply desire that you will experience God's presence.

**Connection Cards** are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you--just drop them in the offering basket or at the Info hub in the lobby.

# NOTES

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## THIS WEEK

- S**
  - 9 & 11 AM **F** Worship Gatherings
  - 9 & 11 AM **F** Summit View Kids (0-5th grade) 31
  - 11 AM **F** Tribe (MS) Youth
  - 6 PM Anchor (YA)
- M**
  - 10 AM **HP** Women's Dance Fitness
  - 7 PM **F** Men's 33 Series\* - Vol. 4
- T**
  - 7:30 AM **F** Morning Prayer
  - 7 PM **F** Tribe (MS) Youth
- W**
  - 9:30 AM **HP** Women's Bible studies
  - 7 PM **F** Refuge (HS) Youth
- TH**
  - 9:30 AM **F** Women's Bible Study
  - 6:30 PM **F** Women's Connection
  - 7 PM **HP** Women's Dance Fitness
  - 7:30 PM **HP** Men's Intercept
  - 8:15 PM **HP** Men's Basketball (35+)
- F**
  - 6:30PM **HP** Abortion Recovery class
- SA**
  - 11:30 AM Anchor (YA) Night Skiing

## COMING SOON

- JANUARY**
  - 31 **HP** New **Financial Peace** Class begins
- FEBRUARY**
  - 2 **HP** MOMS
  - 8 Refuge (HS) Core Night
  - Feb. 10-12 Snow What Middle School Camp
  - 16 **HP** MOMS
  - 16 **F** Women's Connection
  - 18 Homeless Outreach
  - 19 **F** New at Summit View Class
  - 21 **HP** New DivorceCare session begins
- Mar. 3-5** Beacon High School Camp

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- F** Located at Felida Campus
- HP** Located at Heritage Park

\*Men's 33 Series - Vol. 4: If you have questions regarding the 33 Series, please contact Joel Retzlaff at [Joel@retzlafffamily.com](mailto:Joel@retzlafffamily.com) or (503) 757-6700.

## FINANCES

Sunday, Jan. 15	HP	Felida	Total
Weekly Budget	\$26,332.86	\$8,777.62	\$35,110.47
Weekly Offering	\$23,973.14	\$10,896.50	\$34,869.64
Over / Under	-\$2,359.72	\$2,118.88	-\$240.83

## CARE GROUPS

Jesus had 12 close friends with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe authentic relationships are the best context to grow in Christ.

We provide group discussion questions each week (see back page) to encourage people to go deeper in their study and their relationships.

If you would like to join a Care Group, please contact any of our pastors or fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering basket or at the Info hub.