



The curious
story of

**Esther &
Xerxes &
Mordecai &
Haman & ...**





Esther
Chapter Three & Four

Heil Haman!

HAMAN!

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Esther 3:1-2

THE CRUCIAL MOMENT

[¹³] Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. [¹⁴] 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 4:13-14

AGAGITE?

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BLOTTING OUT EVIL

[14] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” [15] And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner, [16] saying, “A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

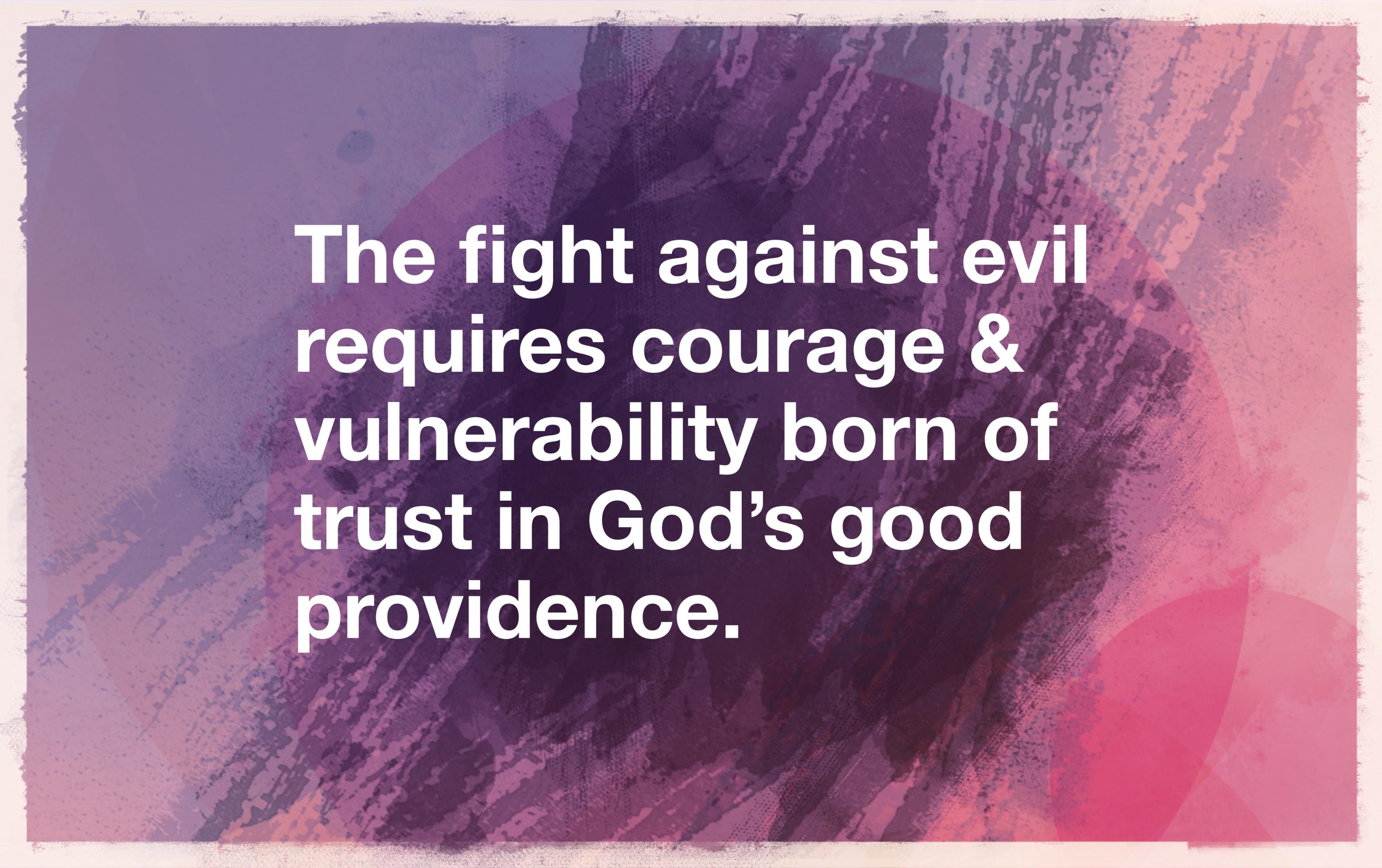
Exodus 17:14-16

THE WAR STORY AS OLD AS TIME

[14] The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

[15] **I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”**

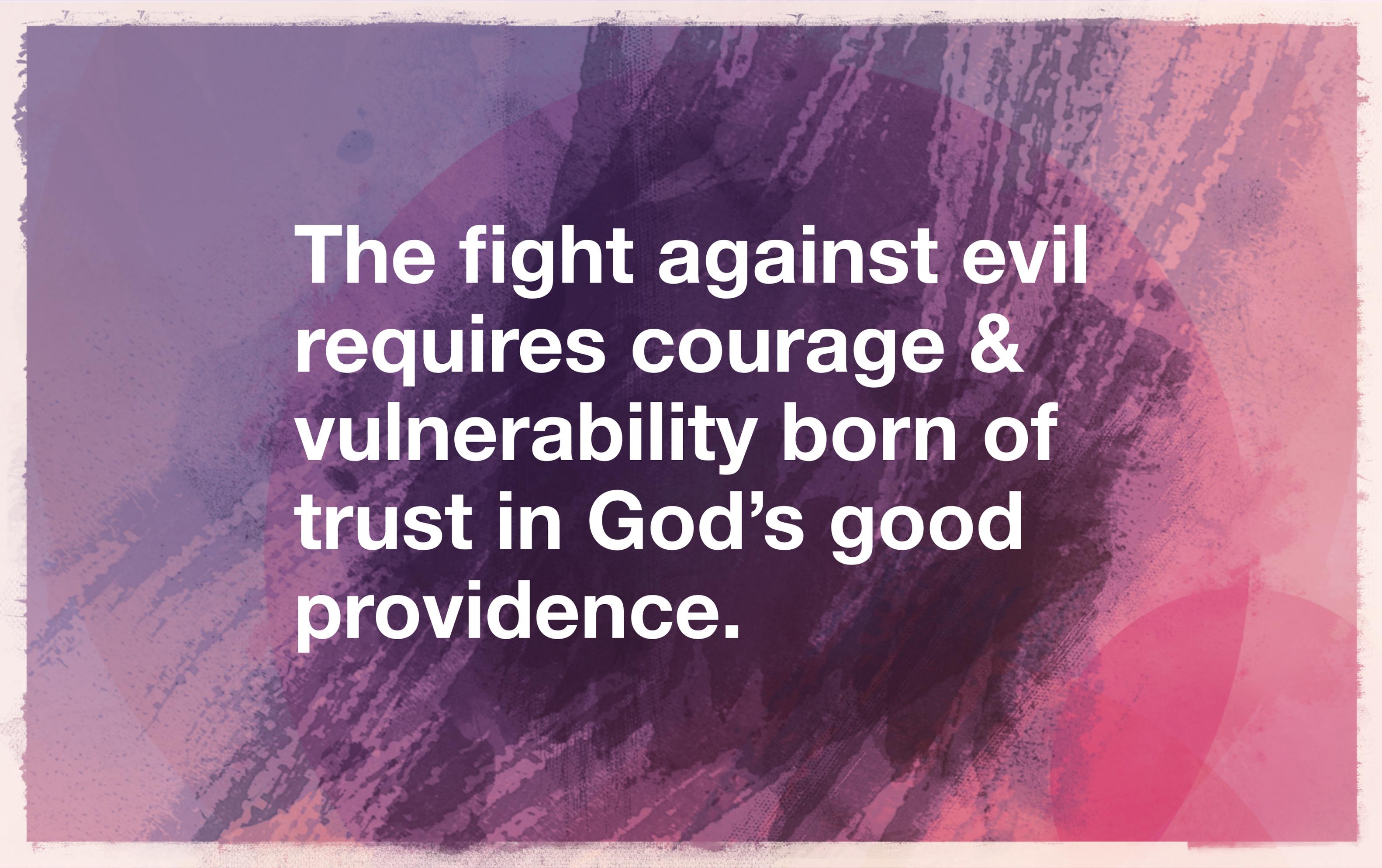
Genesis 3:14-15



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**Love is the way
we wage war against evil.**



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