



The curious  
story of

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

Esther  
Chapter Nine & Ten

# Lots To Remember

## SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

[16] Now the rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also gathered to defend their lives, and got relief from their enemies and killed 75,000 of those who hated them, but they laid no hands on the plunder. [17] This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness. [18] But the Jews who were in Susa gathered on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and rested on the fifteenth day, making that a day of feasting and gladness.

[19] Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the rural towns, hold the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day for gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and as a day on which they send gifts of food to one another.

Esther 9:16-19

## THE FEAST OF PURIM

[20] And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Xerxes, both near and far, [21] obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, [22] as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.... [26] Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur.... [29] Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim.

Esther 9:20-22,26,29

## LOTS TO REMEMBER

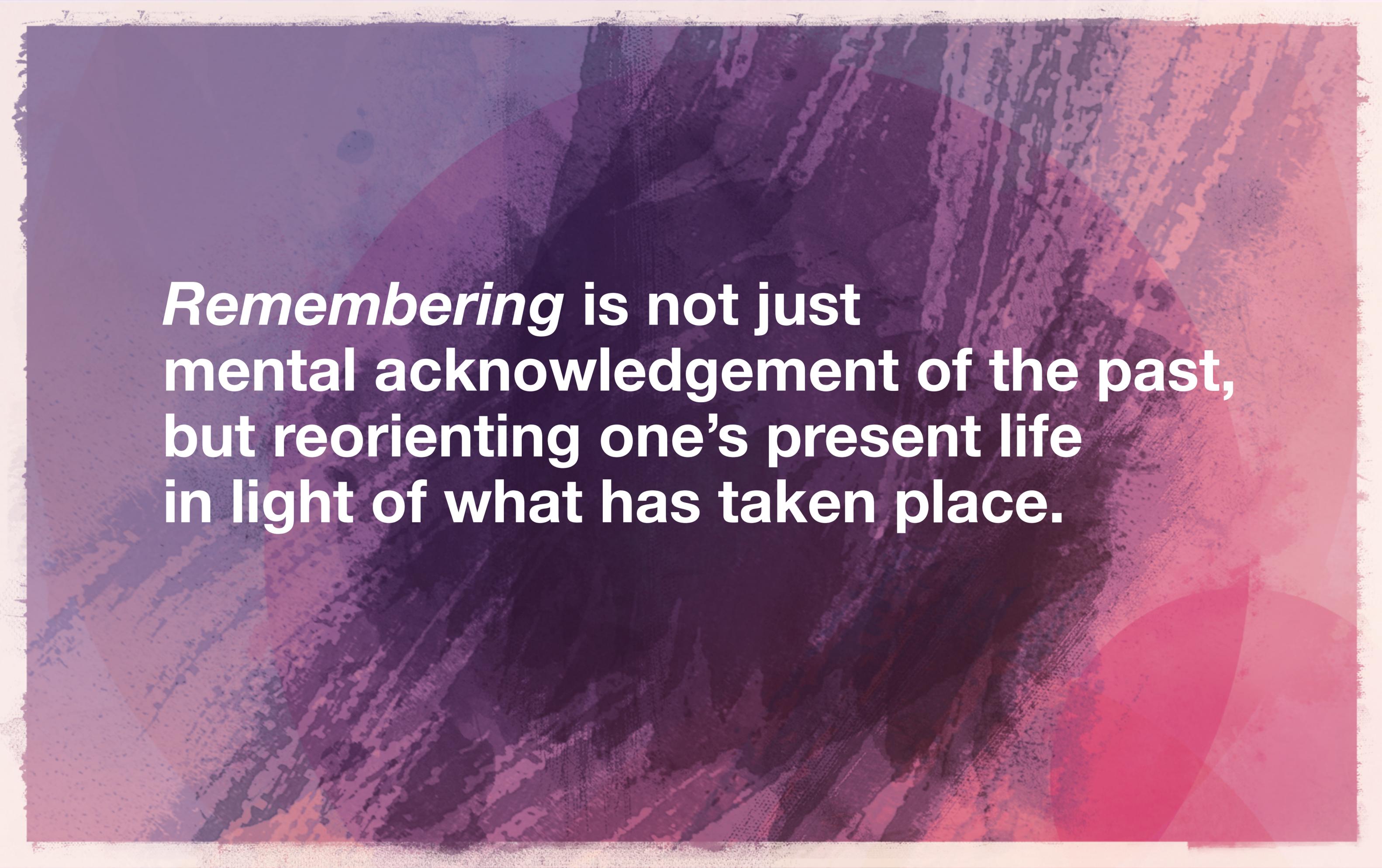
In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast *Pur* (that is, they cast *lots*) before Haman day after day; and they cast it month after month till the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

Esther 3:7



# Enemies of Remembrance

- Hurry / Busyness
- Information Inundation / Distraction
- Mis-remembering / Distorted Narratives
- Pain Avoidance



***Remembering* is not just  
mental acknowledgement of the past,  
but reorienting one's present life  
in light of what has taken place.**

## THE GOOD NEWS TO REMEMBER

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, [4] who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, [5] to whom be the glory forever and ever.

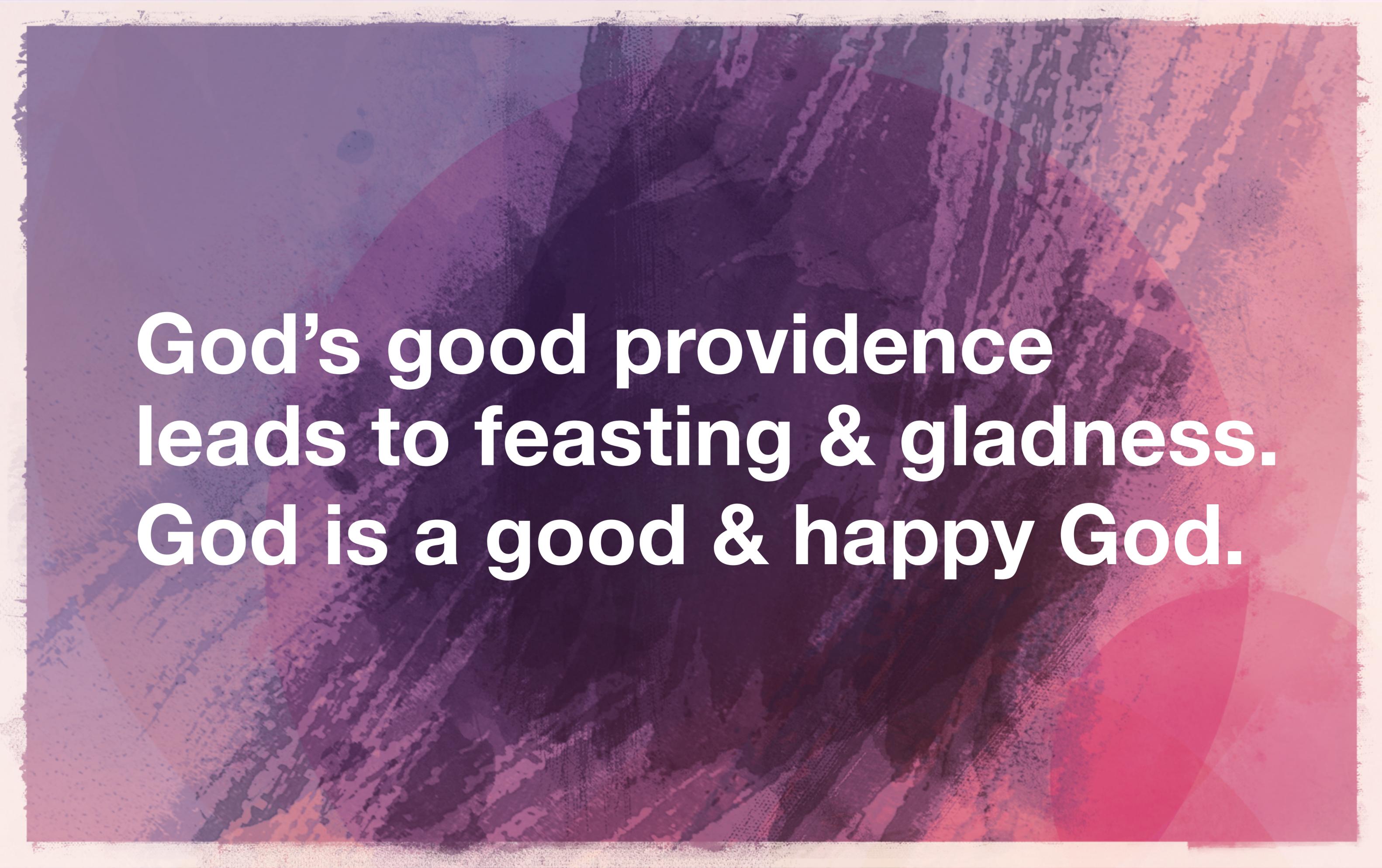
[20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 1:3-5, 2:20

## DAYS OF GLADNESS

...the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor...

Esther 9:22



**God's good providence  
leads to feasting & gladness.  
God is a good & happy God.**