



Series: Esther: God is Working Even When We Don't Feel It

Title: Faith Leads to Action

Scripture: Esther 4

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

February Scripture Memory: Esther 4:14 (ESV) *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?*

1. Biblical mourning (godly grief) is an act of faith. (vs. 1-3; 2 Cor. 7:10; Psalm 112:5-8)
 - Spiritual progress often increases during seasons of duress.
2. Speaking the truth in love is an act of faith. (vs. 4-11)
 - Speaking the truth in love to people causes change and growth or rejection and stagnation. (Eph. 4:15-16)
3. Trusting the providence of God and praying prayers of intercession are great acts of faith. (vs. 12-17)
 - God is always with His people and will always accomplish His purposes.
 - Tom Elliff said, "There comes a time in the life of every person when God offers you something that you and you alone are uniquely suited. What a crime – what a tragedy it would be – if that moment finds you either unwilling or ill-prepared for what would be your finest hour."
 - God's power in prayer takes us from reluctance to resolve.
 - It takes a sacrifice to save others from death.
 - Salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone. (1 Tim. 2:5)

Put it into practice: (for us)

God has divine purposes to accomplish in this world.

God accomplishes his purposes through people.

God will accomplish his purposes even if his servants refuse to obey His will.

If we refuse to do the will of God, He will either:

1. Abandon us and get someone else to do it.
2. He will discipline us until we surrender to do what He is asking.