sermon notes

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May 29, 2024 "The Crashing of the Wave" Esther 6:14-8:2

1)	Trust in
2)	Human Failings
3)	God Repays Evil

4) God

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

What happened in tonight's passage from Esther? How did Esther show faith in God? Was she trusting in the king's willingness to help or something else?

Why should we trust in God's grace more than man's power? What other passages in the Bible reveal God working, even when people have failed?

How did God repay Haman's evil against Mordecai? Why did God allow Haman to hatch this scheme in the first place? What did it mean for King Ahasuerus to give Mordecai his signet ring?

GET PERSONAL

In what areas of your life are you trusting men more than God? Are there other things (jobs, money, circumstances, etc.) that you have more confidence in, other than what God has promised you?

Think back on moments in your life when you've failed. Did you see how God was working, despite your mistakes?

What is God saying to you about the life of Esther and Mordecai? Can you see him working on your behalf "behind the scenes"?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What does it mean for God to "vindicate" his children? Do you believe God has provided justice and righteousness for you? In what ways can you share the good news about what God has done to others?

Were there times when God turned an evil situation around for you? How can that testimony encourage you and others today?

The Bible teaches us that God does not let evil go unpunished. How does the reality of the final judgment motivate your daily life? Are you willing to spend time sharing the Gospel with others, knowing that without Christ, they will face a fate worse than Haman's?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS

Esther put her life on the line when she asked the king for help. Are there risks God is calling you to take to further his plan for your life? Are there changes in your routine, career, or relationships that he is asking you to make?

Consider the journey God has brought us through in Esther so far. How has God been working "incognito"? What areas of your life appear "empty" of God's influence? How can that change? Are you willing to invite God into those parts of your life, so he can do his good work in them?