

No compromise

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

- 1 Peter 2:11-12, NIV

Conviction #1:
What appears
impressive in the
Empire of this World is
really a façade.

“The world wants you to give your life trying to get what the King has. The world calls you to do whatever it takes to become more like the King. But the book of Esther comes to unmask the façade and show us the truth.”

- Timothy Cain, *The God of Great Reversals*

Conviction #2:
We should never
underestimate our
vulnerability to being
seduced by the empty
façade of this World.

“God is at work everywhere, but very often we don’t see him. Very often his hand is hidden. Maybe we see it, but only after the fact, or perhaps only in heaven. The author of Esther is giving us a picture of what life actually feels like.”

- Stephen Witmer

Conviction #3:
There is a nobler
King—and he delights
in you.

“The message of the Bible is that God persistently and continuously gives his grace to people who don’t ask for it, don’t deserve it, and don’t even fully appreciate it after they get it, over and over again.”

- Tim Keller

Thou art my loveliness, my life, my light,
Beauty alone to me:
Thy bloody death and undeserved, makes thee
Pure red and white.

- George Herbert