

Esther - Chapter 2
"Are Things Getting Out of Hand?"
January 20, 2013
Message Notes



Nothing is out of God's hands.

(v. 1-23, Psalm 139:16)

Nothing goes unnoticed by the True King.

(v. 23, Psalm 147:5)

Nothing new.

(v. 14, Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Nothing but God's providence.

(vv. 9, 15, 17, Ephesians 1:11)

Nothing derails God from accomplishing His purposes.

(v. 17, Isaiah 46:10)

Nothing we do!

(v. 1-23, 2 Timothy 1:9)

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Growth Group Questions



1. What do you think about beauty pageants... silly? insulting? harmless? or??
What about reality television competitions?
2. Discuss and have a little fun with this hypothetical question: Queen Vashti said “no” to mighty King Xerxes (1:12). What might have happened if Esther had refused to participate in the “The Miss Persia Pageant?”
3. Read John 15:19 and 17:13-19. Mordecai and Esther were Jews living away from God’s city (Jerusalem) in the wild, secular culture of the Persian city of Susa. Discuss the struggle we have in our lives today between being a “worldly Christian” and a fully-devoted follower of Jesus living in (even “sent into”) this world.
4. Mordecai alerted King Xerxes to an assassination plot (2:19-23). Have you ever stuck your neck out to do the right thing, only to have it go unnoticed and/or unrewarded? How did that feel? Why should we bother continuing to live obediently before God?
5. Share an area of life where you sometimes wonder if things are getting out of God’s hands. Pray for one another, asking God to help you trust Him no matter what the circumstances, knowing that He is at work and in control even when He doesn’t appear to be.