

sermonnotes

Esther: Part 3



Life's not only painful; it's also _____. At times it seems as if everyone is against us and we have no solution to the crisis we are facing.

In the midst of the challenges and hardships of life, never forget that God is present even if He seems to be _____. While we are waiting He is working.

Esther 5:1–7, 7:1–6

Dealing with difficult situations and difficult people

1. When preparing for an unprecedented _____, wait on the Lord before getting involved. (*Esther 5:1*)
 - God works in our patience and He works in our circumstances as we give Him time.
2. When dealing with an unpredictable _____, count on the Lord to open doors and open hearts. (*Esther 5:2–3*)
 - “When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.”—*Proverbs 16:7*

3. When working through an unpleasant _____, trust the Lord for enduring patience. (*Esther 5:7–8*)
 - In situations that are unpleasant, timing is as important as action.
 - “Moderation is better than muscle, self-control better than political power.”—*Proverbs 16:32 (The Message paraphrase)*
4. When standing against an unprincipled _____, ask the Lord for invincible courage. (*Esther 7:3–6*)
 - As you put your trust in the Lord and recount His faithfulness, courage will grow in your life and enable you to rightly confront the person or situation.

In the difficult places of your life and in dealings with difficult people, don't give in and don't give up. God is at work and He is working for your good.

Answers: unfair; absent; event; person; situation; enemy



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