



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

Does God providentially write His story with obscure people in obscure places doing mundane things?

Introduction:

1. How have you been able to tell that God was working in and/or around you?
2. Describe a time when you have seen God's providence in your life?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Esther 4:1-17 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Who are Esther and Mordecai? (2:5-7)
2. What crisis do Esther and Mordecai face? (3:12-14)
3. How does Mordecai respond to the crisis? (4:1-8)
4. What request does Mordecai make and how does Esther respond? (4:6-11)
5. What observations does Mordecai make in regards to Esther's response? (4:12-14)
6. What makes Esther willing to change her mind? What does she request? (4:15-17)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. Does God providentially writes His story with obscure people in obscure places doing mundane things? Why or why not? If He does, what does that mean for your life this week?
2. Does God place His people in certain positions and locations, at certain times, for specific purposes? Why or why not? If He does, what does that mean for your life this week?
3. Are you willing to participate in what the Lord is doing around you? If so, how can you be watching for ways in which you can participate?
4. This week how can you keep going further Up, in your relationship with God? In, in your relationship with those in the church? Or, Out, in your relationship with those outside the church?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 12/3 – Habakkuk 1:5-11

Tuesday, 12/4 – Habakkuk 1:12–2:1

Wednesday, 12/5 – Habakkuk 2:5-14

Thursday, 12/6 – Habakkuk 2:15-20

Friday, 12/7 – Habakkuk 3:1-7

Saturday, 12/8 – Habakkuk 3:8-16

Sunday, 12/9 – Esther 4:1-17