



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**Date:** Sunday, May 28, 2023  
**Title:** Esther: Faith > Fear  
**Series:** Esther  
**Passage:** Esther 2:19 – 3:15

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel, and donkey.’” 1 Sam 15:2-3

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“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD’s Passover.” Leviticus 23:5

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“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.” Psalm 20:7

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. When in your life have you been tempted to fear? How did you respond?

Scripture doesn't tell us if Esther was afraid, but it does say she was taken from Mordecai, forced to marry the king, all the while knowing her predecessor was banished because of one decision that displeased the selfish king. Yet, in Esther 2:20, we learn that Esther obeyed Mordecai "as he told her as she had done when under his care."

2. Who are the trustworthy people that provide godly counsel when you need it? How might you go about cultivating this type of relationship with another person?
3. Read Esther 2:21-23. Do you find it curious that although this king has taken Esther as his bride (selfishly, brutishly, and sinfully), Mordecai steps in to save the king's life? Imagine for a minute that you're Mordecai. Would you have struggled with this decision? Why or why not?
4. Is there ever a justification for not doing good to another person when it is in your power to do so?
5. In Esther 3:1, we read of the elevation of Haman. For a time, it appears that evil might win. When have you felt like evil might win? When have you experienced a "villain" elevated unfairly into a position of power above you? How did you respond then? Would you do anything different now? What did you learn from that experience? What do you learn about Mordecai from his actions?

A little further along, in Esther 3:12–15, an announcement comes from this villain who has risen to a place of power over God's people.

6. What half-truths from Haman convince the King to wipe out the people of God (3:8-9)?
7. When have you been misrepresented to others? How did you respond?
8. What do you observe about the date on which this announcement was made to the Jews (see 3:12 and Lev 23:5)? Do you think this timing is significant? Why?

**APPLICATION:**

The Jews in Esther's day were challenged to believe that God was greater than their fears.

- a) In your life right now, where do you experience the most fear and uncertainty?
- b) How does God's Word speak to that fear?
- c) What could it look like to walk by faith regarding this fear?
- d) How will you begin to walk by faith?