



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, June 4, 2023

TITLE: The Pathways of Providence: Part 1

SERIES: The Book of Esther

PASSAGE: Esther 4:1-17

INTRO:

Life-defining moments

3 LESSONS ABOUT GOD'S PATHWAY OF PROVIDENCE:

1. God will work _____ you or _____ you (Esther 4:11-14a)

The reality of providence doesn't cancel the necessity of _____.

2 POINTS OF APPLICATION:

1. How am I actively using my _____, my _____, and my _____ in this church and for the _____ of this church?

cf., Ephesians 4:16

2. The Anniversary Offering

Training ~ Multiplying ~ Building



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Esther 4:1-17. What is a life-defining, fork-in-the-road moment in your life that was thrust upon you, not necessarily by choice and possibly by necessity?
2. In the sermon there was a quote from a commentator, “We believe in God, but in practice react to life’s crises as if we were virtual atheists.”
 - a. Can you relate to this quote?
 - b. What are some examples in your life where this has been true?
 - c. What do you seek first in times of life’s crises? The face of God in prayer or something else? What is it?
3. Mordecai’s request to have Esther go into the king’s presence without an invitation could have resulted in her death by the order of the king.
 - a. How would you have reacted if you were Esther prior to entering the king’s presence without invitation?
 - b. How do you react now, when you know that you can freely enter the presence of our God and King anytime, without fear of death?
 - c. How is it that Jesus provides access to God? Do you have a verse or two to back that up?

“God will work through you or despite you”

4. Read Ephesians 4:16.
 - a. What does Paul mean by the body?
 - b. What is each part a reference to?
 - c. Are you working properly as a part of this?

- d. Where are you currently serving in Mission City Bible Church?
 - e. Where is God calling you to serve in Mission City Bible Church?
 - f. Do you believe that God doesn't need you, but he does want you?
5. Our anniversary offering is a refreshed vision of discipleship around three main categories: training, multiplying, and building.
- a. Which of these three main categories are you the most excited about?
 - b. Why are you excited about it?
 - c. How can you invest in this vision moving forward?
6. Read Esther 4:15-17.
- a. Why did Esther call a fast?
 - b. What is it that you could hold a fast for?
 - c. How can your small group be a part of this?