

Grace Wins Esther 2:1-14

The Question

Where is God in all this world's _____ and _____?

The Ugliness of Life

- Nothing in this world is capable of filling the _____ in your life ...
- Because you were built to be _____ in God alone ...
- Not in _____ of anything else.

Psalm 16:11, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

- Is being played out in living color in what essentially is state-sponsored sex trafficking.
- This is where Esther _____ ... and this is what Esther is about to experience.
- So what about Esther and Mordecai's _____ in this charade? It's a pointer to ...

The Messiness of Life

- We live as citizens of _____ kingdom _____ in Ahasuerus's kingdom.
- God is the _____ of the story. He is working in all this ugliness and messiness to bring about His purposes and _____.
- God doesn't _____ from the ugliness and messiness of this world. Instead, He draws _____.

1 Timothy 1:15, "Christ Jesus came into the world ... to save sinners ..."

- Jesus entering the ugliness and messiness of our world is proof that none of our situations is _____ for God to work in.

Romans 8:28, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Sin-Overcoming, Mess-Overwhelming Grace

Evidence of God's grace here ...

- 1) _____ Grace: God makes Esther beautiful.

Psalm 139:13-15, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ... intricately woven in the depths of the earth."

- 2) _____ Grace: God is giving Esther favor with everyone.

1 Chronicles 29:12, "Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all."

2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."