ESTHER

PROVIDENCE AND PURPOSE

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Part 2: The Women God Used

Esther 2:14 (ESV)-"…relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews…"

Review

God's providence is at work in <u>Bad People</u>.
God's providence is at work in <u>Bad Situations</u>.
God's providence is at work in <u>Bad Decisions</u>.
God's providence is at work in <u>Bad Solutions</u>.

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In Our Story We Find…

1. The King's Problem

A Wrong View of _____
Esther 2:2 (ESV)- Then the king's young men who attended him said, "<u>Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king</u>.

The reminder that women are <u>people</u> and not <u>possessions</u>.

A Wrong View of _____
Esther 2:4 (ESV)-And let the <u>young woman who pleases the king be queen</u> instead of Vashti." This pleased the king, and he did so.

A wrong view of marriage is "<u>What can I get out of this?</u>"

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Esther 2:4 (ESV)-And let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." <u>This pleased the king, and he did so</u>.

Just because something <u>feels</u> right does not make something <u>right</u>.

2. Our God's Providence

God is at work when He appears _____.
Esther 2:5-6(ESV)- Now there <u>was a Jew in Susa</u> the citadel whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, son of Shimei, son of Kish, a Benjaminite, <u>who had been carried away from Jerusalem</u> among the captives carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away.

While we are <u>waiting</u>, God is <u>working</u>.

God is at work when things are _____.
Esther 2:7-8 (ESV)- He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother…Esther also was taken into the king's palace and <u>put in custody of Hegai</u>…

While we are <u>hurting</u>, God is working.

John 5:17 (NIV)-In his defense Jesus said to them, "<u>My Father is always at his work to this very day</u>, and I too am working."

<u>Here Is The Point:</u> God's providence is always at work even when we don't see it!