

Series: Esther: God is Working Even When We Don't Feel It.

Title: Stand by Faith in Love

Scripture: Esther 3

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

February Scripture Memory: Esther 4:14 (ESV) For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Stand by Faith in Love

- 1) Stand by faith when you are forgotten. (v. 1)
 - You are not forgotten by God. (Col. 3:23-25; Isaiah 44:21)
 - Don't lose your faith when faithless men advance. (Prov. 6:16-19)

2) Stand by faith consistently on God and the truth of God's Word. (vs. 2-4)

- Heroes are not <u>born</u> heroes. Heroes are forged by THE ULTIMATE HERO JESUS as He helps them to endure <u>trials</u>. (Acts 5:29)
- When you practice <u>Civil Disobedience</u>, make sure it is a Biblical <u>conviction</u> and not a personal <u>prejudice</u> or personal <u>preference</u>.

3) Stand by faith amidst unthinkable evil. (vs. 5–15)

- Beware of our sin nature which leads to sin. (What people do with their authority is a TEST of their character.)
 - We are more like Haman than we care to believe. We NEED the gospel.
- Be aware of the power of the gospel and the providence of GOD! (Romans 1:16-17)
 - Have faith in God's providence over divination, dates and decrees! (Psalm 47:8-9)
 - o GOD PROTECTS AND PRESERVES HIS PEOPLE.

