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Esther – When God Seems Silent
Week 5 – Courageous Faith

Esther 5:1-8 NIV

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. ² When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.

³ Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."

⁴ "If it pleases the king," replied Esther, "let the king, together with Haman, come today to a banquet I have prepared for him."

⁵ "Bring Haman at once," the king said, "so that we may do what Esther asks." So the king and Haman went to the banquet Esther had prepared. ⁶ As they were drinking wine, the king again asked Esther, "Now what is your petition? It will be given you. And what is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

⁷ Esther replied, "My petition and my request is this: ⁸ If the king regards me with favor and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question."

I. Courageous faith steps through fears and worries. It doesn't wait to be fearless.

- The root of my fear and anxiety is a desire for control.
- The root of my desire for control is a lack of trust in God.
- The root of my lack of trust in God is that I don't believe God is good or that He cares about me.

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.*

Esther 5:7-8 NIV

II. Courageous faith is sensitive to God's leading and God's timing.

- Sometimes courageous faith looks like praying and waiting.

III. Courageous faith starts from trusting that in Christ, your Heavenly Father is already pleased with you.

- "There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more.
There is nothing you have done that could make God love you any less."
-J.D. Greear

Psalm 18:19 NIV

He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Matthew 3:17 NIV

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."