## The Gospel Story Esther 2022 – The Cross of Mordecai Pastor Annette Swor – 7.31.22

Fsther 1:1-4 Esther 2:7 Esther 3:8 (NLT) Esther 3:13 (NLT) Esther 4:14 Message Esther 5:9-14 The Message Esther 6:6 NLT This verse is KEY - Esther 6:13 Esther 7:3-8 Esther 9:22 New Living Translation There will be times that you will not be able to trace God but you'll need to trust God. 1st take-a-way: God is God whether we see Him or not. (2 Corinthians 4:18) • What may feel like a lack of intervention is not a sign of His lack of affection.

• God loves us too much to answer our prayers at any other time than the right time, and in any other way than the right way.

(Romans 8:28 ESV)

(Lamentations 3:21-23)

 $2^{nd}$  take-a-way:

Timing is everything. Use restraint.

David says this in Psalm 39:1-3

3rd take-a-way

When faced with cultural calamity resist fear.

How is the Book of Esther the Gospel Story?

- → Mordecai and Esther *came up with a way* to rescue his people.
- → <u>Jesus is the way</u> he rescued his people. He took on all of the punishment, all of the sin, all of the guilt for his people.

Psalm 30:11-12 -

John 3:16 & 17

Esther 9:1

ls. 1:18

Luke 15:24
What was lost is now found