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## Uncommon Courage God is in Control

### Esther 6:1–7:10 (HCSB)

That night sleep escaped the king, so he ordered the book recording daily events to be brought and read to the king. <sup>2</sup> They found the written report of how Mordecai had informed on Bigthana and Teresh, two eunuchs who guarded the king's entrance, when they planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. <sup>3</sup> The king inquired, "What honor and special recognition have been given to Mordecai for this act?" The king's personal attendants replied, "Nothing has been done for him." <sup>4</sup> The king asked, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman was just entering the outer court of the palace to ask the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows he had prepared for him. <sup>5</sup> The king's attendants answered him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." "Have him enter," the king ordered. <sup>6</sup> Haman entered, and the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king wants to honor?" Haman thought to himself, "Who is it the king would want to honor more than me?" <sup>7</sup> Haman told the king, "For the man the king wants to honor: <sup>8</sup> Have them bring a royal garment that the king himself has worn and a horse the king himself has ridden, which has a royal diadem on its head. <sup>9</sup> Put the garment and the horse under the charge of one of the king's most noble officials. Have them clothe the man the king wants to honor, parade him on the horse through the city square, and proclaim before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king wants to honor.'" <sup>10</sup> The king told Haman, "Hurry, and do just as you proposed. Take a garment and a horse for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the King's Gate. Do not leave out anything you have suggested." <sup>11</sup> So Haman took the garment and the horse. He clothed Mordecai and paraded him through the city square, crying out before him, "This is what is done for the man the king wants to honor." <sup>12</sup> Then Mordecai returned to the King's Gate, but Haman, overwhelmed, hurried off for home with his head covered. <sup>13</sup> Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened. His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai is Jewish, and you have begun to fall before him, you won't overcome him, because your downfall is certain." <sup>14</sup> While they were still speaking with him, the eunuchs of the king arrived and rushed Haman to the banquet Esther had prepared. <sup>1</sup> The king and Haman came to feast with Esther the queen. <sup>2</sup> Once again, on the second day while drinking wine, the king asked Esther, "Queen Esther, whatever you ask will be given to you. Whatever you seek, even to half the kingdom, will be done." <sup>3</sup> Queen Esther answered, "If I have obtained your approval, my king, and if the king is pleased, spare my life - this is my request; and spare my people - this is my desire. <sup>4</sup> For my people and I have been sold out to destruction,

death, and extermination. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept silent. Indeed, the trouble wouldn't be worth burdening the king." <sup>5</sup> King Ahasuerus spoke up and asked Queen Esther, "Who is this, and where is the one who would devise such a scheme?" <sup>6</sup> Esther answered, "The adversary and enemy is this evil Haman." Haman stood terrified before the king and queen. <sup>7</sup> Angered by this, the king arose from where they were drinking wine and went to the palace garden. Haman remained to beg Queen Esther for his life because he realized the king was planning something terrible for him. <sup>8</sup> Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the house of wine drinking, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Would he actually violate the queen while I am in the palace?" As soon as the statement left the king's mouth, Haman's face was covered. <sup>9</sup> Harbona, one of the royal eunuchs, said: "There is a gallows 75 feet tall at Haman's house that he made for Mordecai, who gave the report that saved the king." The king commanded, "Hang him on it." <sup>10</sup> They hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's anger subsided.

### 1. NEVER FORGET THAT GOD IS IN \_\_\_\_\_

- Sometimes we feel like the majority political party is \_\_\_\_\_ every aspect of our lives.
- Other times we may feel our economic situation is in control.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ surpasses all other controlling factors in our lives.

### 2. HUMILITY IS A \_\_\_\_\_

- Humility can be fostered or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Haman's arrogance signaled his doom.
- When we think more highly of ourselves than we should, we are in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ ALL ACCOUNTS

- Sometimes it seems that evildoers are \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is watching both the evil and the good.
- Who do we look to for \_\_\_\_\_ and peace?

### The Next Step:

Recognize that even when it doesn't feel like it, God is in control.