

# WOMEN OF FAITH

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## SERIES OVERVIEW:

*The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is also the God of Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah and Esther. God has left us their stories as examples for how He works in the lives of those devoted to Him. Join us for this 5-week series as we study these Women of Faith.*

## MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

**GOD WORKS HIS PERFECT PLAN THROUGH IMPERFECT PEOPLE.**

**GOD IS SOVEREIGN, EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT.**

**GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE DOES NOT DEPEND ON THEM.**

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- “God works His perfect plan through imperfect people.” Many of us grew up hearing the story of Esther with her portrayed as the hero. If that is true for you, how did this sermon challenge you? How does the story of Esther remind us that the Bible is ultimately the story of God, not a collection of hero stories to live up to?
- Pastor Micah notes that we don’t *exactly* know Esther’s heart in chapter 1, however, we do know that the culture she finds herself in is pagan and morally corrupt. What does it mean to live faithfully in a post-Christian culture? Esther had to struggle with what it means to live faithfully in a pagan culture and so do we today.
- “God’s love for His people does not depend on them.” How have you experienced God’s faithfulness even in seasons of life when you were not trusting Him or seeking to honor Him?

- In chapter 4 we see that when Mordecai hears the edict, he tears his clothes and clothes himself in sackcloth and ashes. What's your response to seeing injustice and evil around you? What can Mordecai's response to injustice and evil teach us about our own?
- Think about other stories of God's people in hostile places (Moses before Pharaoh, Jonah in Ninevah, Joseph in Egypt, Daniel before Nebuchadnezzar, etc.) How might this story have gone differently if Mordecai and Esther had openly sought to honor the Lord?

### **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

*As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we'd love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.*

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