

July 13, 2025

Esther 5

Faith, Favor, Food, and Foolish

God's Providence (Jerry Bridges): His constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, for His own glory and the good of His people.

Review Chapter 1: Providence of new queen

Review Chapter 2: Providence when Esther chosen as queen

Review Chapter 3: Providence of the need revealed

Review Chapter 4: Providence through Mordecai's faith

"Do not think that because you are in the King's house you alone of all Jews will escape for if you remain silent at this time. Relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this!" Esther 4:12-14

Chapter 5 today

Faith Proverbs 21:1 Psalm 116:1 Hebrews 6:18

Favor Mark 6:22-24 Proverbs 16:9 Psalm 5:12 Psalm 84:11 Hebrews 4:16

Food

Foolish Psalm 49:5-6 Proverbs 27:1 Proverbs 1:18

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Why didn't God protect/allow all who died in the floods in Texas last week, especially the young children attending a Christian camp?

Very hard question to answer. The "why" question about God is always a challenge. However, often those that most need an answer are those that we can minister to by mourning with those that mourn, by walking with them through the valley of the shadow of death. Don't let not having an answer to all the questions stand in the way of sharing the love of Christ. Our presence is, very often, more valuable than the words we speak.

We live in a fallen world where things happen that bring an overwhelming amount of grief and suffering, all of which God has promised to use for his purpose and glory. These events make us long for the future, the perfect world he has planned for his children for all of eternity. God is in control or he isn't God at all! Our challenge is to put our trust in the God of scripture, just as Mordechai challenged Esther to do...and she did!