



Lewiston Church of Christ

January 10, 2021



Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sun. Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Outreach – Mark Whittaker

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Building – Ken Vogtman
Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson
Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren
Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes
Music Ministry – Ron Roberson
Secretary – Renee' Hill
Technology – Eric Kjorness
Technology – Cody Dawes

Who Knows?

Esther had courage. It was strong not because she knew the immediate future but because she didn't. She stepped up anyway.

A 5th century BC Persian king named Ahasuerus (Esther's husband) decreed that all the Jews in his kingdom be eliminated and sealed it with his signet ring. A day was set to "annihilate, kill, and destroy all the Jews, both young and old, women and children" (Esther 3:13). Did you catch the word "all"?

One problem; the queen was Jewish and the king was clueless. Esther's beloved cousin, Mordecai, appealed to Esther to appeal to the king, knowing that if she approached him without being summoned, she could be put to death. She was afraid. You would be too. That's when Mordecai said, "Who knows...?"

He knew the risk but he did not know the outcome. Neither did Esther. But "not knowing" did not constitute an excuse for not acting. Too much was on the line. Sometimes faith demands risky action before we can know the outcome.

Mordecai told Esther, "Who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). Who knows? Not Esther. Not Mordecai. Yet, Esther made her decision. She would go before the king unsummoned. She reasoned, "If I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16).

What would you do in Esther's shoes? Actually, as a follower of Jesus, you are. You wear them every day everywhere you go. Christians are called to carry our cross daily. That means we don't just die to ourselves at our baptism but every day going forward. Dying to ourselves means living with an Esther-like faith, willing to lay down our life for truth and/or for others. The bold phrase, "if I perish, I perish," is one we live with, daily.

You can read the rest of Esther to learn the outcome. Until then, who knows?

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