

# ARE YOU THERE GOD?

## Week #1 – When it Seems God is Silent

### The Book:

- The Story of Esther.

### The People:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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### The Plot:

- Mordecai saves the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Haman plots to kill all \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mordecai and Esther create \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Mordecai sent back word to Esther: "Just because you live in the king's palace, don't think that out of all the Jewish people you alone will escape. If you keep quiet at this time, someone else will help and save the Jewish people, but you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this."*

*Then Esther sent this answer to Mordecai: "Go and get all the Jewish people in Susa together. For my sake, fast; do not eat or drink for three days, night and day. I and my servant girls will also fast. Then I will go to the king, even though it is against the law, and if I die, I die." So Mordecai went away and did everything Esther had told him to do.*

Esther 4:13-17 (NCV)

- The King can't \_\_\_\_\_.
- Haman's plot is \_\_\_\_\_ and he is \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Personal Application:

- God's silence is not \_\_\_\_\_.

*We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.*

Romans 8:28 (VOICE)

- God's silence is not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 (CEB)

- God works in both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

*God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.*

1 Corinthians 12:6 (NLT)

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever asked the question, "Are you there, God?" If so, what made you wonder if God was real and whether or not He cares about your life?
2. Looking back over your life, how have you seen the presence and activity of God revealed?
3. Who in your life has not yet seen God's presence or activity? How can you begin praying for them to do so?

### Recommended Resources

- *You Were Made for This Moment*, by Max Lucado
- *Hope in the Dark*, by Craig Groeschel
- *Unshakable Hope*, by Max Lucado
- *Don't Give Up*, by Kyle Idleman