

# **POSITIONED BY PROVIDENCE**

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**Sermon Theme: The world celebrates power, but God works through weakness. He exalts the lowly to accomplish His purposes and save His people. Therefore, we must humbly accept our position, faithfully serve where God places us, and trust that He is at work in His perfect timing.**

## **I. World Fights for Control – Read Esther 1:1-22**

- A. What are the ways that King Ahasuerus's power is displayed in Esther 1:1-9?
- B. How does Queen Vashti defy his power? Based on chapter 1, how do we know that the king isn't a godly king who seeks the well-being of those around him?
- C. How does King Ahasuerus defend his power rather than pursue humility?
- D. Read Proverbs 21:1. How does this verse shape your view of King Ahasuerus and the hidden hand of God in Esther 1? How does this truth stir your affections for our sovereign God?

## **II. God Raises the Lowly – Read Esther 2:1-18**

- A. What observations do you make from verses 1-18?
- B. As you reflect on the actions of King Ahasuerus, what are the ways God shows himself to be radically different from human kings who judge according to outward appearances?
- C. Read 1 Peter 3:4. How does Peter's instruction challenge the perception of beauty found in Esther chapter 2?
- D. How does Esther demonstrate humility before the king? Based on verses 1-18, how do Esther's actions and the fallout point to the Lord Jesus?

## **III. Believers Embrace God's Plan – Application**

- A. How would you assess your contentment with where the Lord has you? Would you say you are content with where the Lord has you in life? Explain.
- B. How would you like to grow in humbly receiving your assignment from God and in faithfully serving Him during this season of life?
- C. Read 1 Peter 5:1-6. As a believer, how does daily humility help us look forward to future exaltation? What does it look like to patiently rest in God's timing?