



## Sermon Notes: Esther – A Legacy of Courage

1. Esther's Compromise.

2. Esther's Comfort.

3. Esther's Courage.

4. Esther's Legacy.

a. She left a legacy of true greatness.

b. She left a legacy of transforming grace.

### Gospel Applications:

a. The Gospel reminds you that God uses imperfect people with imperfect faith.

b. The Gospel ultimately points you to hope not in your own performance, but in Christ's performance for you.

c. The Gospel reminds you just how much God is doing in the ordinary.



## Gospel Applications: Esther – A Legacy of Courage

1. What did you know about Esther (either the person or the book that bears her name) prior to this message?
2. In the days of Esther, how was a woman judged? What effects did this seem to have on Esther?
3. How – or by what standards – are women in our culture judged today? How does this affect you? How can you make a positive difference?
4. The sermon touched on a few ways Esther compromised to go along with the culture she found herself in. What are some ways you're tempted to compromise in order to go along with our culture?
5. If you were in Esther's shoes, how do you think you'd feel upon finding out that you seem to be the only person in a position to save your people – and only at the risk of your life?
6. How is Esther different at the end of the book than at the beginning? Though God is not named in this book, how is his grace evident in her life?
7. How does the message of Esther encourage you and your imperfect faith?
8. What one thing will you do with what you've learned this week?

### **Pray.**

1. Ask God to show you any ways you're fearing people or circumstances rather than (appropriately) fearing him. Confess the thoughts and desires that produce these fears and surrender them to the Lord.
2. Praise the Lord for identifying with you in your brokenness and sin, and for rescuing you at the cost of his own life. Thank him for working through the ordinary and extraordinary events of your life to reveal his grace and favor.