

He Is Already There Esther 2:15-23

One of Life's Big Questions: _____?

God's Answer to Life's "What If's"

- He graces us with His perpetual _____.
- Grace isn't just what covers the past and meets us in the present. Grace is what _____ us into the future.

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Joshua 1:2-3, "Moses, my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses."

- So ... do not _____. Whatever is around the bend or around the corner, God is already there.
- The future is not a plethora of open options and endless possibilities. It's _____. It's certain. It's already been written ... because God is already there.

Isaiah 46:9-10, "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"

The BIG Idea: The will of God will never _____ you where the grace of God will not _____ you.

Making the Best of a Bad Situation

- God is there in the moment, gracing us with His presence ... preparing _____ for the way and preparing the _____ for us.
- _____ propels us down the path God is preparing for us.

Sin-Overcoming, Mess-Overwhelming Grace

- It's against this dark backdrop of murder and betrayal that God's providence shines brightest.
- Even though we don't see it yet, Mordecai's loyalty will _____ the king's _____ in Mordecai and Esther ... and in the Jewish people.

Two Kings, Two Kingdoms

- Ahasuerus's kingdom is characterized by _____—if you sin against him, he will kill you.
- God's kingdom is characterized by a justice that's mingled with _____—Jesus gets justice so that we get mercy.

Faith Rather Than Fear

- 1) You will never face the "what if's" _____. Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."
- 2) God's plans for you, not man's, will _____. Psalm 118:6, "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
- 3) The outcome of every bad situation has already been _____. Isaiah 41:13, "For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"