

Message Notes

Sleepless in Susa

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - The birth of a "Me" Monster

Recap of Esther chapters 1-5

This week's message:
Esther 6

Sleepless in Susa:

God's work in spite of rotten circumstances

Sleepless is Susa - Esther 6:1-2

An oversight - Esther 6:3

Look who's here - Esther 6:4-5

The Danger of being a "Me" Monster!

- Esther 6:6-9

You've got to be kidding me - Esther 6:10-11

Reversal of Fortunes, baby! - Esther 6:12-14

Developing Twists

The Providence of God

Four Aspects

1.
Proverbs 21:1

2.
Psalm 51:1-4

3.
Acts 4:23-31

4.
Romans 8:28

Don't be a "Me" Monster
Philippians 2:3-8

Gospel Application - *Does Christ have the place in your life so that you no longer are a "Me" Monster?*

Esther 6:1-14

¹That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. ²It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. ³"What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. ⁴The king said, "Who is in the court?"

Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him. ⁵His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court." "Bring him in," the king ordered. ⁶When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" ⁷So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, ⁸have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. ⁹Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!' " ¹⁰"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." ¹¹So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights

to honor!" ¹²Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, ¹³and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him.

His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!" ¹⁴While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.

Psalm 51:1-4

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.