

TRUTH TO POWER

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

Esther is an exciting book of the Bible. It contains all your classic storybook ingredients: a bold, beautiful heroine, shifting love interests, a life or death threat to the good guys, a villain you absolutely love to hate, and of course a happy ending. There are suspense and dramatic irony and reversals of fortune and poetic justice. Really, this story has it all! That is, except for God.

The most curious thing about the book of Esther is that God is never mentioned. Not even once!

Unlike other books of the Bible where God intervenes in the story in dramatic, miraculous fashion, the Book of Esther invites us to look for God's hand at work in events that, true to life, are often morally, ethically, religiously ambiguous.

This 4-week reading plan will lead you through the entirety of the book of Esther. For a quick intro, you can check out a great, 8-minute video from the Bible Project at hside.co/esther. If you any questions as you read along, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tom at pastor@hillsidemedford.org

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MON, JUL 4	Esther 1:1-9
TUE, JUL 5	Esther 1:10-12
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