Pastor J. Derek Futrell - Sunday, March 30, 2025 Parkway Baptist Church



Series: Esther: God is Working Even When We Don't Feel It. **Title: The Great Reversal & The Ministry of Our Testimony** Scripture: Esther 9-10

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

March Scripture Memory: Proverbs 16:18 (ESV) "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." 1 Peter 5:6 (ESV) "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so at the proper time he may exalt you."

The ministry of our testimony is marked by:

- 1) What we repent for and what God reverses (9:1-10)
 - You don't have to live by the law of the Medes and the Persians. (9:5-6)
 - You don't have to die with your family.

God can reverse anything! (God redeems and restores and over-abundantly blesses.)

• Repentance is both a decision and a process. Reversal is a moment and a lifetime.

2) What we ask for and what we do not take (9:11-16)

- Just because something is legal doesn't mean that it is ethical.
- 3) What we remember and how we celebrate (9:17-10:3)
 - What do you cook for and invite people over to?
 - Remember & celebrate:
 - Advent
 - Resurrection Sunday
 - Repentance in Life
 - Salvation .
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper .
 - Reversals in Life
 - Anniversaries of Service 0

What we remember and celebrate - Is it Ritual or routine?

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