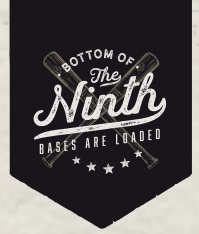


courage UNDER PRESSURE



Read [Esther 1:10-12](#) aloud and as a group, talk about your observations from this passage.

1. Have you been in the position where you have to choose between sticking to your convictions or compromise? How did that work out for you?

Read [Esther 3:5-11](#) aloud and as a group, talk about your observations from this passage.

1. Identify the Haman—a person, situation, attitude—in your life. The thing where it takes courage to not compromise in the face of it.

Read [4:5-17](#) aloud and as a group, talk about your observations from this passage.

1. Are you the type of person who feels invincible to the 'Hamans' that you face—like they can't really impact your life in a significant way?
2. If God will accomplish his purposes with or without you, why is it better to participate even in the face of potential loss?
3. What influence has God given you that you want to be more intentional with?
4. How would you receive Mordecai's words?

Read [6:1-10](#) aloud and as a group, talk about your observations from this passage.

1. Share about a time when God was working behind the scenes and you didn't realize it until later.
2. How is it that blessing comes with obedience?

Hitting it Home

"The real tragedy for Christians today is not so much the sin they commit, but the life they fail to live, the opportunities they turn away from." - Pastor Steve

Divine opportunities are happening all around us. What divine opportunity is God currently giving you that it's time to do something about?