**Mordecai’s Story**

**Reading – Galatians 6:3-9**

**Most text comes from the Book of Esther**

The central characters: Esther, Haman, and Mordecai

Mordecai was Esther's cousin and the mastermind behind her rise to power.

Haman, a descendant of the Amalekite king Agag, sought to destroy the Jewish race.

**Service to family**

God saw to it that Esther had a home, food, clothing, protection, education, and character training... all through Mordecai's service.

Mordecai raised Esther right by teaching her responsibility - 2:7

He had to work to maintain a relationship with her. She could have been in danger knowing all of the intrigue that goes on inside the palace. The power and glamour could have corrupted her. ***(Hebrews 3:12) Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God***;

***(3 John 1:4)*** ***I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth***.

***(2 Corinthians 11:28-29) besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. {29} Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?***

Mordecai taught her well. When in prosperity, she could have forgotten her background & the people who helped her get there. ***(2 Timothy 3:14-15) But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, {15} and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

**Service to his brethren**

The best way we can serve our brethren is by being an example worth following. ***(1 Peter 4:1-4) Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, {2} that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. {3} For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles; when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. {4} In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.***

**THE RESULTS OF MORDECAI'S SERVICE**

If you want to know how the story turns out start at 7:9 and read to the end. That's the OT equivalent of "**and they all lived happily ever after**."

***(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. {14} For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil***