

## **Recap of 9/15/19 (Esther 2:1-23):**

### 1. Eight Principles of marriage:

- Build your marriage on the Word of God (the Rock). Matthew 7:24-27; Psalms 127:1
- Recognize God's design for your marriage. Genesis 2:15-24
- Submit to God's Holy Spirit. Be controlled by the Spirit. Ephesians 5:15-6:9
- Fulfill God-given roles. Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19
- Forgive each other without limit. Ephesians 4:26-27, 29-32; Matthew 18:21-35
- Practice good communication skills (don't escalate, invalidate, interpret negatively, withdraw or avoid.) 1 Peter 3:8-12; James 3
- Fulfill each other's sexual needs. 1 Corinthians 7:1-7; Proverbs 5:15-20; Song of Solomon
- Put your mate ahead of yourself. Philippians 2:3. "That one verse contains more wisdom than most marriage manuals combined. If heeded, it could virtually eliminate divorce from the catalogue of human experience." (Source: Original Men's Devotional Bible)

### 2. For expanded teaching on marriage please see our website:

- 2013 Sermon Series "God's Design for Marriage"
- "Love and Marriage: A Biblical Primer," (9/24/17-11/5/17)

### 3. Two great doctrines which we see illustrated in the Book of Esther are the doctrines of God's Providence and of God's Protection. Whatever we fear we can count on God's Providence and Protection in our lives.

4. Concerning God's Protection, Nelson's Illustrated Dictionary of the Bible says: "The Book of Esther is a major chapter in the struggle of the people of God to survive in the midst of a hostile world. Beginning with the Book of Genesis, God had made it clear that He would bless His Covenant People and bring a curse upon those who tried to do them harm (Gen. 12:1,3). The Book of Esther shows how God has kept this promise at every stage of history. Just as Haman met his death on the gallows, we can trust God to protect us from the enemy, Satan, and to work out His ultimate purpose of redemption in our lives."