



Arizona Community Church
Women's Ministry
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Esther: God's Hand Moves to POSITION

Introduction: The story of Esther takes place around 485 B.C. Author is unknown. God's name is not mentioned throughout the book, but His Hand is moving to protect His people!

Providence: comes from the Latin "providentia" PRO means "before" or "ahead of time" and VIDERE means "to see"

Providence means "to see ahead of time" or "to see before"

Cultural context: In some Eastern societies, royal women were not allowed to have their faces shown in public. They would ride in closed carriages and wore veils. Her face was for her and her husband only. She was not to be lusted after.

God's Hand moves people _____. Esther 1:19

God's Hand moves people _____. Esther 2:17, 19-23 Eph. 2:10

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my _____ are not your _____, neither are your _____ my _____, declares the LORD. As the heaves are higher than the earth, so are my _____ higher than your _____ and my _____ than your _____.

Table Talk

1. Discuss where you have experienced God moving you OUT or IN to position you for His purposes. Can also consider where you've seen God moving others OUT or IN.
2. Why is it difficult to remember that God is at work even when we can't see Him?
3. Where else in Scripture do you see God's Hand moving people OUT or IN to accomplish His plans and purposes?
4. Pray for each other.

Personal Reflection

Do you trust God with His positioning? Do you trust who He has moved in or out of your life? Do you trust when and how He has moved YOU in and out of situations? Surrender to God's providence today and tell Him you trust Him.

Continued Study: Read Eshter 3-5 in preparation for next week.