The Light That Breaks Through the Darkness

Tim King · Esther 8:16

INTRODUCTION

- There's not a person in this room who doesn't get so sick and tired of the darkness that you just cry out for the light to come.
- So, how long till the morning? His mercy is new every morning, the psalmist says.
- Now you may have heard it said that two things can be true at the same time.

1 Darkness Can Be Real, God Still at Work

Esther 3:13; Esther 6:1; Esther 8:16

- Scripture gives us another truth like that and it's the fact that darkness can be very real and God can still be at work.
- Esther shows us how dark life can truly become for God's people.
- An entire people were living under a sentence of death.
- On that night the king could not sleep.
- God's name is never mentioned in this book one time, but his fingerprint is everywhere.
- The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor, which means that they were in darkness and they had no hope.

2 Darkness Changes What We Can See

2 Corinthians 5:7

- Darkness changes what we can see. It can distort our perception.
- We begin interpreting everything according to what we presently see. Even if it's distorted,.
- "For we walk by faith and not by sight." In other words, we do not let what we can presently see become the final measure of what's true.
- Sight reacts to the darkness. Faith keeps moving because it knows the light has not changed.

3 Darkness Doesn't Change Truth

Psalm 23:4; 2 Corinthians 6:10

- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me. Your rod and staff, they comfort me.
- Esther reminds us that what we can't see may still be completely true.
- His promises are still true. His love is still steadfast. His mercies are still new every morning.
- Christians are sorrowful yet always rejoicing. We can grieve and still hope.

- The light didn't change the room. It simply changed what darkness was able to make us believe about it.

4 Trust the Light

Matthew 28:17

- We trust the light in those moments. We keep praying. We keep on obeying. We keep walking by faith and not by sight.
- Do not let a dark season determine what you believe about God.
- So they all worshiped him, but then some still doubted.
- So even if you find yourself in a little bit of that shadowy darkness, keep close, keep worshiping, keep trusting, keep obeying.

5 Whenever Life Gets Dark, Shine

- Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
- Darkness in your family may come up, and you're going to have to be faithful in a time that's most difficult.
- Who's to say that you weren't called for such a time as that?
- You might be made for such a time as that.

THE CHALLENGE

If you can be so sure that sun will eventually hit that horizon and light up the day, why can't you be so certain about the God who promises the very same thing about your life?

MY NOTES