

Love & Care

Esther 2:1-18

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“Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother. This young woman, who was also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Mordecai had taken her as his own daughter when her father and mother died.” (vs 7)

As we get into the second chapter of Esther, God doesn't seem quite as far away. After all we have mention that Mordecai is a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin. In fact, Mordecai serves as a savior figure in our story. He is introduced as a man who raised his cousin who is known as Esther, because the girl did not have a father or a mother. We don't know what happened to Esther's parents, but we know that Mordecai stepped up and cared for her.

Mordechai shows great love and care for Esther. Not only had he raised her, but when he hears of the King's edict he sends Esther in order that she might have a chance at a better life. Esther is to go and to obey all of Mordechai's instructions. We further know something of his great love and care for Esther in that he would walk every day to the courtyard to check on her and see how she was doing. Mordechai reminds us of the love and care of God. We cannot adequately love and care for others unless we first know and rest in the love of God. In 1 John 4:19 we read that we are able to love because HE first loved us. It is God's love and care that we are able to share with the world. In the days, find quiet moments to sit still and be reminded of God's deep love for you and look for opportunities to share that love and care with those around you.