

**Sermon Discussion Questions | August 27, 2017**  
**God Overcomes Evil**  
Esther

1. This week Pastor Tom begin his message by examining the conflict that exists in our world. He also pointed out that we all struggle with conflict within ourselves. What did he mean by that?
2. In Esther 3:1-11, Pastor Tom addressed the conflict between Haman, Esther and Mordecai. He called it a battle between good and evil, right and wrong. Re-read those verses and discuss how this represents a battle between what is right and what is evil? How do we see that in each of the characters and their choices?
3. Pastor Tom took time to explain that there are two types of evil: moral and supernatural. How were each of those defined this morning and what are some examples of each as you have understood them or experienced them?
4. This battle between good and evil has been raging since the garden, both externally and internally. There is evil all around us as well as potential evil within each of us. What are we to do? Pastor Tom shared certain “Principles of Survival” to help. He mentioned:
  - Theological Truth is Absolute: God is Sovereign
  - If God is Sovereign, then imitate Esther and Mordecai (choose good)
  - Submitting to God is right, but not easy. Therefore remember the promises from God regarding our obedience!
  - Remember, in the battle between good and evil, good wins! God wins!

As a group, take a moment and discuss what Pastor Tom said about each of these. What resonated with you? Which one of these is the easiest to follow through on? Which is the hardest and why?

5. As look at the week ahead, take a moment and identify, where is the pressure of evil present in your life? Is it at work, in your schooling, is it in your marriage or relationships? Is the struggle internal or external? Are you fighting the battle within yourself trying to make good choices or is the battle from outside sources? Reflect on this and take time to share, listen and encourage each other in prayer.