Part 1 | Just An Ordinary Day
Most days, life seems quite ordinary. In fact, some days God seems entirely absent. If you can relate to that, you need to meet Esther. Sometimes the little moments are more significant than you think. And you can trust that God is present, even when God seems absent. The book of Esther gives us a surprising example of how that is true.

Scripture: Esther 1-2

Bottom Line: God is present even when God seems absent.

Discussion Questions
1. Was there ever a time in your life when you felt like God was absent?
2. Does it seem strange to you that God doesn’t even “appear” in an entire book of the Bible? Why or why not?
3. The characters in the book of Esther seem to make morally ambiguous choices. Does the moral ambiguity you see around you (or within you) ever make you feel like God is absent?
4. Is it comforting for you to know that God is faithful to us even when we have not been faithful to him? How so?
5. How would you make decisions differently if you could have full confidence that God is present even if God seems absent? What decisions are you facing now that could be impacted by the confidence?

Moving Forward
1. Read the book of Esther this week. It will take you 25 minutes. That’s all. As you read through the book, notice the silence of God, and the mixed decisions the characters in the story make.
2. Be confident that God is present in whatever circumstance you are facing. What decisions will you make this week because you can trust that God is present even when God seems absent?