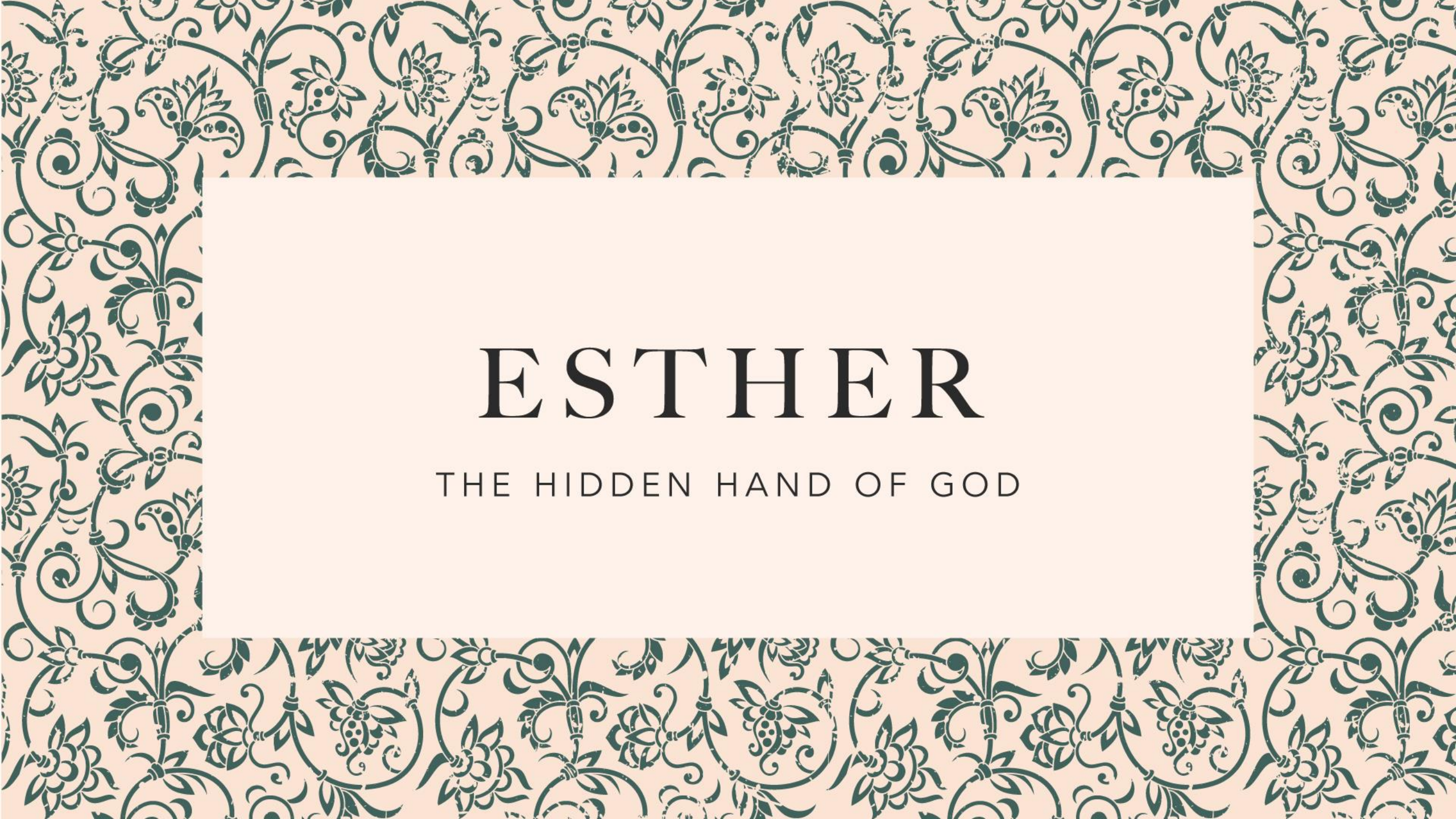




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For the Lord sees not as man sees:
man looks at the outward
appearance, but the LORD looks on
the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7b



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“All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

Esther 4:11



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“Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14



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Humble Your Heart

- Fasting like Esther isn't required of everyone, however, humbling ourselves before God is.
- "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:17
- Humble yourself before God so He may lift you up. – James 4:10



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Seek God's Will

- For such a time as this
- God's will WILL be done – “For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” – Philippians 2:13
- It's not the position of the person; it's the position of their heart.



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Surrender to God's Will

- If I perish, I perish
- “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” – Hebrews 4:16
- We don't have to wait to be called. He's waiting for us to come to Him.



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Make the Decision to

- Humble Your Heart
- Seek God's Will
- Surrender to God's Will



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