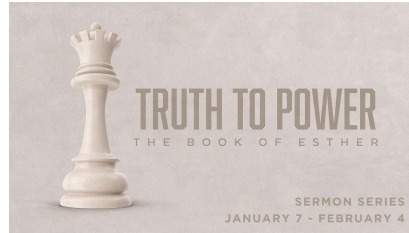


**Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



**February 4, 2024**

**“Bravery” - #4 in the series Truth to Power: The Book of Esther**

**Texts (NLT):** Esther 4: 8,13-14; Esther 8: 3-8a,11a; Esther 9: 2,20-22; Mark 14: 2, 20-22

1. What stood out to you about the message?
  
2. Consider this definition of bravery: *the quality or state of having or showing mental or moral strength to face danger, fear, or difficulty.*
  - Who is someone you consider to be brave?
  - In what ways have they demonstrated bravery?
  
3. **Read Esther 4: 8,13-14 and Esther 8: 3-8a,11a.**
  - Respond to the idea that integrity plays a role in acts of bravery.
    - Is integrity a learned, innate, or acquired trait?
  - What indications of integrity do we see in Esther’s brave encounter with King Xerxes?
  
4. **Read Esther 9: 2, 20-22.**
  - How would you describe Mordecai’s role throughout this story of Esther’s bravery?
  - In what ways did he exhibit integrity?
  
5. **Read Mark 14: 17, 20-22.**
  - How does Jesus demonstrate qualities of unwavering commitment - bravery - in these last moments with the disciples?
  - What role does the Holy Spirit play in our sense of integrity and ability to demonstrate bravery?
  
6. How can we pray for you?