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Sermon notes **Sunday, March 29, 2015**

Confusion – Pastor Justin Ross

Esther 2:19-3:15

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- Mordecai foils the assassination attempt.
- What's your motivation to serve?

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- Sometimes life isn't fair.
- Mordecai grows a spine (It's never too late).
- Lead lesson #2: Don't let the wrong people lead.
- Hate is passed from generation to generation.

- Hatred has grown to murder.
- Who are you harboring a grudge against?
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- Lead lesson #3: Someone will always resent your faith.

How do we deal with our own wickedness?

- Realize you cannot conquer your own wickedness.
- Humble yourself, seek forgiveness and change.
- God's grace is enough.
- God can change you from wickedness to righteousness.

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