Don’t Forget Who Ultimately Is In Charge

• From the outside Xerxes appears to rule
• Planning a war
• King, Queen, Royal in every verse but 2
• He makes laws he can’t even change
• He has the ILLUSION of control
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- His wife demonstrates he isn’t
- He loses control of himself
- He follows AWFUL advice
- He unsuccessfylly tries to COMMAND respect
You play any dangerous sports?

I sometimes disagree with my wife.
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“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.”

Prov 21:1

“Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.”

John 19:11
Don’t Confuse Knowledge With Wisdom

- Knowledge is having a grip on the facts
- Wisdom is knowing how to USE the facts

“...men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do.”  
1 Chronicles 12:32
Don’t Be Confused About What Makes Up True Success

• At the end of Ch 1 it APPEARS Xerxes was successful

• True success is different:
  “True success is when those that are closest to you and know you best love and respect you the most!”  
  Andy Stanley
Don’t Assume That Because You Can’t See God’s Hand He is Absent

• God’s name is never seen in Esther
• Prayer is never mentioned in Esther

• True success is different:

“‘But, though the name of God be not in it, the finger of God is, directing many minute events for the bringing about of his people’s deliverance.”

Matthew Henry
Settle this:

“Who has the right to rule your life?”

- Have you forgotten who is in charge?
- Have you confused knowledge with wisdom?
- Do you need to redefine success in your life?
- Have you assumed God isn’t present because you can’t see His hand?

Come make the adjustments You need to make.