## **North Weekly Devotional**

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Song: <u>Amazing Grace</u>

## Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father you love righteousness and justice. You are loving and kind and forgiving. The Scripture claims this. Our soul waits for you, oh Lord, and your help is our shield.

**Psalm 33:5** - "He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord."

**Text:** Esther 6:14-7:10

**Explanation:** The story of Esther is amazing, but imagine this: Imagine the moment when King Ahasuerus looked at Haman and said, "Take this man and crucify him now!" Imagine if in that moment, Esther walked over to Haman and said, "I forgive you and I love you, and King, I will take his place and I'll be crucified for him. That would have been amazing. That's what Jesus did for us. Of course, we know from scripture that did not happen with Esther, the King, and Haman.

Haman was crucified for his sin, but Jesus was crucified for *our sin*. Haman did not show God's people grace, and he endured wrath; but Jesus endured wrath for God's people and we receive his grace.

**Romans 6:23 -** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of GOd is eternal life in Jesu s Christ our Lord."

**The Point**: Grace. An acronym for grace is: GOD'S RICHES AT CHRISTS EXPENSE. He did it all for you and me.

**Application:** Friends, you can either hang onto your cross for your own sin like Haman did, or hang on to Jesus. He paid it all.

**Pre-K & Elementary Age:** Jesus loves you, this I Know for the Bible tells me so. Sing it and believe it.

**Middle & High School Students:** You are at a crucial age. You can choose your path. The bible states there is a narrow road and a wide road. Choose you this day whom you will serve. My advice to you is: always be a friend, listen more than you talk, seek out the lonely and help them to be a part of the crowd that follows Jesus.

**Adult:** Have compassion, forgiveness and love for all. Quit holding grudges. God loves you and commands that we love as He loves.

**Empty Nesters:** God only speaks truth. He says what He means and He means what He says. Our Father's heart emanates with the purest of justice and compassion. As long as we have breath, we can pray and praise the Lord. Encourage those around us.

Song: Jesus Paid It All

**Prayer:** Read a Psalm and or a Proverb every day and pray knowing that God is the Same today, yesterday and forever. HE'S GOT THIS!!!!