As I write this, we’ve just concluded a wild week in America. The US Senate heard testimony from a Dr. Christine Blasey Ford about allegedly being sexually assaulted by Brett Kavanaugh, the President’s nominee for the Supreme Court.

It’s been a tragic situation from multiple angles, but what has really amazed me this week is the number of opinions that exist among people who have no personal connection to the case at all.

Some are absolutely convinced that Kavanaugh is guilty. Others are equally convinced that he is innocent. I’m definitely not interested in solving that issue in this sermon - I’ll leave that to the FBI and the US Senate, who are slightly more qualified than I am.

What I’m interested in is the answer to this question…

When will we KNOW? When will all that has been done in darkness be brought into the light? When will all the wrongs be made right?

And here’s an even more vital question… What about ME? What about YOU?

When will all of OUR darkness come to light and our wrongs be made right?

And that brings us to the final theme of Esther… what goes around comes around.

The Bible has a lot to say about the principle of sowing and reaping. About justice and judgment and reward. And Esther illustrates these principles very well.

- Mordecai had worked to save the king, and in return, Mordecai was honored and the King saved Mordecai’s people…

**Esther 6:11** - “So Haman took the robes and put them on Mordecai…”
Esther 8:16 - “The Jews were filled with joy and gladness and were honored everywhere.”

Esther 10:3 - “Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself. He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high esteem, because he continued to work for the good of his people and to speak up for the welfare of all their descendants.”

- Haman attempted to annihilate the Jews and have Mordecai impaled like a trophy. Instead...

Esther 7:10 - “So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai, and the king’s anger subsided.”

- Esther had put it all on the line and wound up reigning as Queen and remaining in a position to empower Mordecai.

The bad news is...

We’ve all sinned, and all sin has a consequence.

Proverbs 22:8 - “Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end.”

We’re all guilty! None of us as a worthy excuse or a valid justification for our disobedience to God. And the consequences of our sin are both natural and eternal.

The good news is...

Jesus made the ultimate investment to redeem us.

Isaiah 53:6 - “All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.”

And MORE good news...
As redeemed people, we get to invest the rest of our lives for rewards both now and forever.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 - “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

C. T. Studd wrote...

   Only one life, “twill soon be past,
   Only what’s done for Christ will last.

You have a life to give. You have a limited quantity of time and energy to invest into something bigger than yourself - something global, something timeless, something life-changing and history-altering.