

For Such a Time As This

Conclusion to the series, "Defining Moments: When Opportunities Knock"

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Esther 4:13-14 NLT

Defining moments occur when we think and act BEYOND ourselves.

"This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter." (Esther 2:7 NLT)

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress..." (James 1:27 NLT)

God puts us in position to make a DIFFERENCE.

*"Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: 'Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. ¹⁴If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. **Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?**' ¹⁵Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶'Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.'" (Esther 4:13-16 NLT)*

Windows of opportunity need to be seized in the MOMENT.

"Then Esther went again before the king, falling down at his feet and begging him with tears to stop the evil plot devised by Haman the Agagite against the Jews. ⁴Again the king held out the gold scepter to Esther. So she rose and stood before him. ⁵Esther said, 'If it please the king, and if I have found favor with him, and if he thinks it is right, and if I am pleasing to him, let there be a decree that reverses the orders of Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, who ordered that Jews throughout all the king's provinces should be destroyed. ⁶For how can I endure to see my people and my family slaughtered and destroyed?'" (Esther 8:3-6 NLT)

"Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." (Ephesians 5:16-17 NLT)