

“And who know whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” - Esther 4:14

for such a time

I. TROUBLE BREWING

- Haman, a descendant of King Agag of the Amalekites, has plotted the destruction of the Jews (1 Sam. 14:47-15:35; Esther 3:1, 9).
- Mordecai, Esther’s adopted father, hears of the plot and informs Esther (now the queen) through envoys (Esther 4:1-9).
- Esther informs Mordecai that she is not able to present herself before King Ahasuerus, or it is likely death awaits her (Esther 4:11).

II. THE CHALLENGE

- Mordecai challenges what may be in Esther’s mind, that as queen, she might be spared even if all the other Jews were killed. Self-preservation is a strong remedy against self-sacrifice (Eshter 4:12; Mark 14:66-71; Acts 13:13).
- Courageous Mordecai is sharing his courage with Esther. Courage is not lack of sense, nor lack of fear; it is mastery over fear (Esther 3:1-2).
- We are called to trust God. This takes both good sense and good courage. It means, sometimes, going out on the ledge (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 14:28-33).

III. WHO KNOWS?

- God does not need us.
- God will do it without us.
- God may use us.

For Such A Time
Esther 4:12-14
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KNOW: God will reach the nations with the gospel. We will either be used by him or we will not. The choice is largely ours.

DO: Prepare yourself for such a time as this.

Suggested Reading:

To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson by Courtney Anderson
(Available in the LifePoint Missions Library)

For Teens:

Hero Tales—volumes II-IV by Dave and Neta Jackson
(Available in the LifePoint Teen Library)

Next Week's Text: John 4:35-38

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Esther 4:12-14

1. Talk about Esther and Mordecai. What is their story?
2. What are their characteristics? What can you discern from the text?
3. Why does it take courage to be a Christ-follower?
4. How can we know God's call on our own life? Does the Bible help us here?
5. How do we know that God will accomplish his purposes with or without us?
6. What part will you play in God's developing plan of salvation? What can you do?