

Such a Time as This

Happy Wednesday

The next book in the Old Testament is Esther. In Esther, we learn of a Jewish woman who was selected to be the queen - after *years* of beauty treatments and beauty-pageant style parading in front of the king with hundreds of other women who were competing to be queen. Sounds like a modern day reality tv show to me.

After she is queen, the king's second in command decides to manipulate the king to kill a person whom *he* hates, yet the king favors. He succeeds in having the king sign a decree that anyone who worships someone other than the king (which in this case was every Jew who worshipped God, including the man who was hated by the king's second in command) would be killed. The man who was hated was named Mordecai, and he happened to be the uncle who raised now-queen Esther. He goes to her and pleads for her help, yet she is terrified to help, because anyone who appears before the king without being invited is usually sentenced to death, and the king hasn't summoned her to come see him in a month... Today's Bible verse is Mordecai talking to Esther:

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14 NIV

Have you ever thought you were born in the wrong decade? Wondered how you ended up in the family you have, or how you're working where you are, or live in the house you live...? The list could go on.

Rest assured, that God has a purpose and a plan in every single moment of your life. You were made by God and for God. To know Him, to become like Him, and to do what He does. God is perfect and loving and He never gives up and He never loses!

So perhaps, dear friend, when you feel inadequate, ill-prepared, intimidated, and overwhelmed in the place that God has placed you: perhaps you were made by God *for His good works* in this exact moment in time. Perhaps these moments were created by God for you and only you to grow in spiritual maturity and strength. After all, God never makes mistakes and He cares about ALL of the details. Ask God what His plans are for you. He will never let you down and He will never leave you.

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