

# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

## *Esther 4-5*

Anticipating your life's defining moments, and preparing to respond to them rightly

### LET'S GET STARTED

"God has a purpose for your life." Every follower of Jesus has heard that statement, and it's true. But, more importantly, God has a purpose for *Himself*—an eternal plan for the world—that He is relentlessly carrying out in human history. Our goal should be to discover how He intends for our lives to fit into that greater purpose. Esther found her role in God's eternal plan, and her story inspires us to do the same.

### LET'S HEAR THE WORD (Summary of Esther 4-5)

Summary of Esther Chapters 4-5:

- **Mordecai persuades Esther to help (4:1-17)**

Esther 4:12-14—<sup>12</sup>When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, <sup>13</sup>he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. <sup>14</sup>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 royal position for such a time as this?"

- **Esther asks Xerxes to spare the Jews (5:1-8)**

- **Haman resolves to have Mordecai killed (5:9-14)**

### YOUR LIFE'S DEFINING MOMENTS

A defining moment is a circumstance or situation in which you are faced with the choice of obeying or disobeying God, often with significant \_\_\_\_\_.

### Quotable

*What is God's will for my life? – is not the right question. I think the right question is, What is God's will? Once I know God's will, then I can adjust my life to Him. In other words, what is it that God is purposing where I am. Once I know what God is doing, then I know what I need to do. The focus needs to be on God, not my life!*

—Henry Blackaby

### If you would like to know more

*Esther: A Woman of Strength and Dignity*, by Charles Swindoll (Thomas Nelson, 1997)

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Dictionary: *[A defining moment is] a point at which the essential nature or character of a person, group, etc., is revealed or identified.*

## THE CENTRAL QUESTIONS OF LIFE'S DEFINING MOMENTS:

- Will I put \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, first?

Philippians 2:3-4—<sup>3</sup> . . . in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Will I \_\_\_\_\_ what's \_\_\_\_\_, even though I may suffer for it?

Esther 4:16—“ . . . I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

- Will I give in to this \_\_\_\_\_, or resist it?

1 Corinthians 10:13—No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

- Will I \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_, or hold a grudge?

Colossians 3:13—Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- Will I say yes to the \_\_\_\_\_, or reject it?

Ephesians 1:13—And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

## LET'S LIVE IT

What are you doing now to prepare yourself for your life's defining moments?

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