
For Such A Time As This
"Courage Under Fire"
Esther 4

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Introduction: As we continue our journey through Esther, we come to a pivotal chapter.

1. Last week we learned the entire Jewish population within the Persian Empire were scheduled to be exterminated later in the year. Obviously, this is a huge problem.
2. We have already seen God working behind the scenes to address this threat before it was even visible.
3. Now that the threat is out in the open, something must be done.
4. We can always count on God in moments like this. At the same time, we must understand God works through people. Thankfully, there are two people in strategic positions to do just that.
5. In chapter 4 we'll see how Esther & Mordecai demonstrated courage under fire.

I. Mordecai's Leadership

- A. His Relationship With Esther
- B. Mordecai's Transparency
- C. Mordecai's Challenge

II. Esther's Courage

- A. Skin In The Game
- B. A God Moment
- C. A Leap Of Faith

Conclusion: When we step back & consider what Mordecai & Esther are doing, it is easy to be impressed.

1. They both rose to the challenge of the day.
2. In comparison, it is easy for us to feel insignificant.
3. We have never done anything that compares to the heroes of our faith.
4. Do not let those feelings of insignificance define you.
5. As a follower of Jesus, you have been uniquely designed to make a contribution. That contribution is important.
6. Satan wants us on the sidelines feeling we have nothing to offer.
7. God wants us in the game.
8. Never underestimate what God can do through us when we make ourselves available to Him.