
Date: November 22, 2020

Scripture: Esther 4:12-17

Title: For Such a Time as This

Esther 4:12-17 - When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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?" ¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

Sovereignty: _____

Responsibility: _____

Opportunity: _____

1. Can you think of a time when you felt the Lord was leading you to take a bold next step? What happened?
2. If you had been in Esther's shoes, how would you have responded to Uncle Mordecai's directive words?
3. Has a belief in God's sovereignty given you confidence in a particular circumstance in your past? How was His work evident?
4. Responsibility to do something can come to a person in a variety of ways. For Esther, the need to intervene on her fellow Jews' behalf came by a messenger who gave her the bad news that the Jews would be destroyed, killed, and annihilated on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar (Esther 3:13). Again, put yourself in Esther's shoes. What would you have done? Would your action qualify as a bold next step?
5. How high on your priority list is joining God in saving others? When God opens a door of opportunity for you to help someone come to salvation in Jesus, what do you usually do? What would you like to do better?
6. Where might the Lord be calling you to take a bold "for such a time as this" step right now? How might God's sovereignty, your responsibility, and a salvation opportunity help you take that step?