
Date: April 28, 2024 **Message:** For Such a Time as This

Series: Esther: Sovereignty in Silence **Scripture:** Esther 4

Haman's atrocity:

Mordecai's argument:

Esther's action:

1. It is unlikely that any of us will ever be in Esther's dire predicament described in this chapter, but every one of us faces defining moments in our own lives. What have been some of the biggest defining moments in your life? What role did God play in those?
2. What are some examples that come to mind of situations in which seemingly everybody knows or agrees that *somebody* should intervene or do something to meet a need or to right a wrong situation (like the one in this chapter), but then *nobody* actually steps up to do it? Why do you think that is?
3. Can you think of a time in your life when you felt that God was calling you to do something, but you hesitated or didn't obey due to fear?
4. Consider Mordecai's statement to Esther in vv. 13-14. Do you think he is right, namely that God would deliver His people whether or not Esther chose to take action? And do you think his statement minimizes in any way the importance of Esther's ultimate responsibility in this situation?
5. In a time of crisis, how far do you have to make it down your reaction list before you get to prayer? Why do you think we often only turn to prayer in moments of crisis after we've exhausted every other option?
6. Throughout this sermon series, we have been reminded that one of the unique features of the story of Esther is that while God's name is never actually mentioned in the entire book, God's fingerprints are nevertheless over the whole thing. Where do you specifically see God working in Esther 4?