

"...for a time like this."

HOW CAN I KNOW MY DESTINY?

Determining Your Destiny – Part 4

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Ester 4:12-16

¹²So Esther's servants told Mordecai what Esther said. ¹³Mordecai sent this answer back to Esther, "Do not imagine that just because you are in the king's palace you will be any safer than all the rest of the Jews. ¹⁴The fact is, even if you remain silent now, someone else will help and rescue the Jews, but you and your relatives will die. And who knows, you may have gained your royal position for a time like this." ¹⁵Esther sent this reply back to Mordecai, ¹⁶"Assemble all the Jews in Susa. Fast for me: Do not eat or drink at all for three entire days. My servants and I will also fast. After that, I will go to the king, even if it is against a royal decree. If I die, I die." (GW)

Gifts + Need + Calling = _____

1. **I must recognize the _____ that God has given me to use**

"Esther pleased Hegai and won his favor. Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. He assigned to her seven maids selected from the king's palace and moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem."
Esther 2:8-9 (NIV)

"Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her." Esther 2:15b

"...she then won the king's favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen." Esther 2:17 (NIV)

"Each of us, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift we have received from God." 1 Peter 4:10 (TEV)

Practical Step. List---What has God given me to use for good?

a. Abilities:

b. Liabilities:

2. **I must identify the _____ that stir my heart**

"When Esther's servants told her what Mordecai was doing, she was deeply disturbed."
Esther 4:4 (TEV)

Practical Step: List what needs do I see around me that disturb me?

3. **Take the time to hear _____ on my life.**

“Mordecai sent this word to Esther: ‘Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all Jews will escape. 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. Besides who knows but that you have come to this position for such a time as this?’”

Esther 4:13-14

“Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ‘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...’”

Esther 4:15-16a (NIV)

Practical Step: Commit to a small group, to have some quiet time with God

4. **You must make a**

“When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” Esther 4:16 (NIV)

Jesus said, “According to your faith will it be done to you!” Matt. 9:29

You're not ready to live until you know what you're ready to _____ for

Practical Step: Write down what is your faith commitment that you would be willing to die for.