

CLAIMING YOUR DIVINE DESTINY ESTHER: THE STORY CHAPTER 20

“There comes a special moment in everybody’s life, a moment for which that person was born. That special opportunity when he seizes it, will fulfill his mission—a mission for which he is uniquely qualified. In that moment he finds greatness. It is his finest hour.” –Winston Churchill

“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”
(Esther 4:14-16 NLT)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can you think of one of those moments described in the Winston Churchill quote, where God placed you in the right place, with the right people, at the right time to make a difference for Him? What did it take for you to step into your moment?
2. This story teaches us to look for God and believe that He is presently active on every stage of our lives, even when there is no evidence of it. Do you have an example in your life, where it looked like, in “the lower story” God wasn’t there and you were between a rock and a hard place but God broke through? How did He help you get your attention off what the circumstances were onto Jesus in the midst of that? Do you have one of those kind of circumstances now in your life? How did you go from God is nowhere to God is now here?
3. How does it encourage you to know, that even when the devil rolls the dice God can determine the outcome? Why is it so important to believe and declare that God is in control when Satan attacks?
4. Learning to recognize “God moments” (when eternity breaks into time) is a key to seeing God use and move in your life. Which of the following suggestions for recognizing God moments especially speaks to you?
 - a. Remember your higher purpose, why you are in the position you are in
 - b. Don’t be blinded by circumstances, remember who is on the Throne
 - c. Be prepared for God to use you by being in prayer, fellowship, listening to God, and having mentors who give you God’s perspective
 - d. Take time to ask God to give you His eyes to read your situation
 - e. Take a step of faith when you have a “holy hunch” God is leading you

5. We learned that following God in the big moments of life is determined by how you respond to God and put God first in the little, ordinary things day by day. What are some ways Esther and Mordecai were putting God first in little things, to be in a position for how God would use them in the big day?
6. We learned that the big battle for destiny is won in how we overcome things within us (fears, procrastination, insecurity, the desire for people's approval, hopelessness, discouragement, distraction, unbelief...) What is the "Achilles heel" that you struggle with, that the enemy is most likely to try and use to keep you from your finest hour? How can you overcome that?
7. Is there an area of your life that you would like the group to pray for you to see and join God in a breakthrough moment?