

PUT ON YOUR BRAVE



Carlisle Christian Fellowship

- Don't devalue your current position,
God has placed you there on purpose.

- But what Esther didn't realise and you might not realise either. That is God has already written the turnaround in your story. He is already in your future. And it's your "YES" response that sets up the turnaround. Even when your yes is a scared one, you'll discover God is ahead of you having turned the tables in your favour.

- "Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created."
Esther 4:14

You have to take BRAVE.

- Esther had choice to make and so do we.
- Esther was entrusted with much and poised to make a turnaround. She was a everyday person like you and me, who encountered a choice that would set the trajectory of her life and change the course of history.
- She chose to rise above her circumstances of the middle of her story. She chose to be brave. She chose to be obedient when she didn't know the outcome.
- God can see the full story when we can only see part. He is already ahead of us.

We all have a destiny , not in spite of your circumstances but because of them. God is intricately entwined with every area of our lives.

- often we believe a lie
- often we can talk ourselves out of the purpose God has for our life and we listen to negative voices.
- often we protect ourselves right out of our calling.
- GOD HAS ALREADY WRITTEN BRAVE , Into the narrative of your story!!
Esther 4: 15-16
“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 attendants 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.”
- Talk about brave Esther chose to put her life on the line for her people. She decided to speak on behalf of her people. She decided to be obedient even though this could mean the death sentence. She chose right over easy. Faith over fear.
- What was her first response ? Prayer and fast. Prayer should never be our last resort is should always be our first response.

- We might not be facing a life or death decision this morning. But when we face hardships and resistance. Let's make a CHOICE.
- Let's be people of FAITH, OBEDIENCE, STRENGTH AND CHARACTER.

Lesson 1.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.

- Mordecai nailed it when he said, “for if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise from another place, but you and your fathers family will perish. And who knows you have come to the royal palace for such a time as this.” Esther 4:14 NIV
- God loved the Jewish people. And, he didn’t create Esther’s beauty and finesse for her and her alone. Esther was placed in a royal position to assist in the delivery of Gods divine plan.

Lesson 2.

WE ARE GIVEN DIVINE MOMENTS TO ALTER CIRCUMSTANCES.

- As believers, there are no such things as accidents or coincidences. Gods timing is providential. Esther's divine moment of providence came by accepting responsibility to go to the king.
- Mordecai was clear when he said to Esther that she could be the one who saved the people, or not. God will use you only if your ready - or he will find someone else.

LESSON 3: WE MUST STAND WITH COURAGE.

- “I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” Esther 4:16 NIV
- Esther was willing to die to save her people.
- We sometimes must stand in courage, even when it is not popular to do so, and risk it all.

LESSON 4.

FASTING AND PRAYER BRINGS CLARITY AND HOPE FOR DELIVERANCE

- God is not mentioned in the book of Esther once. But Esther was clear that in this particular situation a heavenly response was needed for an earthly situation.
- Esther needed direction.
- When we need God's Grace fasting and prayer opens the portals for spiritual growth, removes distractions and places us on a path to humility.

LESSON 5.

GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE.

- Esther's obedience saved God's people from genocide.
- The reality is she didn't know what would happen when she approached the king. She acted in obedience and by doing so she saves a nation and received the best.

Lesson 6.

GOD USES EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY FOR HIS DIVINE PURPOSE

- No part of our lives is untouched.
- God is in control in every aspect, whether we want him to be or not, and there is nothing that is not subject to him. Hebrews 2:8 NIV
- And the best thing we can do for our lives is to search for and SURRENDER to HIS WILL.

Esther

Be an Esther, bold and courageous enough to stand for the truth, to voice your opinion and fight for the good of others, even when it means to sacrifice yourself. If God has put you in a position, it is for a purpose. Never be afraid to heed to that inner voice.

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