

ESTHER: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

"The Lord Always
Has the Last Word"
Esther 6, 8:1-2; 10
December 22, 2024

Read Esther 6:1-12a; 8:1-2; 10

To Accomplish the Lord's Perfect Plan He...

- 1) Uses all kinds of situations and events Ecclesiastes 5:12 (KJV) Psalm 121:3-4
- 2) Uses all kinds of <u>people</u>
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (CSB); Psalm 33:10-11 (NKJV); Proverbs 21:30 (NIV); Romans 8:31 (KJV)
- 3) Uses the <u>delays</u> in our lives
- 4) Uses even our enemies

My Role and Choice in Lord's Perfect Plan

- 1) We are to stay the course until God tells us otherwise
- 2) We need to pray & trust the Lord knows what is best for us
- 3) We need to be faithful in the little and being unnoticed
- 4) We must stay humble if and when the Lord choose to "promote" us.

Truths I Need to Remember About the Lord's Perfect Plan

- 1) When all seems <u>lost</u> it really <u>isn't</u>
- 2) When no one seems to notice, the <u>Lord</u> does. Hebrews 6:10
- 3) When God seems <u>absent</u>, He is still <u>present</u>
- 4) When God seems slow or late, we must remember His timing is perfect
- 5) When there is <u>injustice</u>, we must trust the Lord for His justice to be done

RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

- 1) God's intervention in multiple ways here in Esther shows that He can use unexpected circumstances to accomplish His will. How can this encourage us when we feel powerless or in difficult situations?
- 2) How have you seen God intervene in seemingly ordinary events to accomplish something extraordinary for His glory? How can we develop a mindset that sees God's hand in all circumstances?
- 3) Haman expects to be honored but is instead commanded to honor Mordecai. What can we learn from this reversal about God's justice and His ability to turn situations around for His purposes? In what ways can we trust God when we face situations where it seems like the wicked are being rewarded or we are being overlooked? How does this passage encourage you to wait on God's timing?
- 4) Reflect on times when seemingly trivial events in your life turned out to be part of God's larger plan. How can this encourage us to trust God's sovereignty in our daily lives?
- 5) Mordecai wasn't seeking recognition but was still honored. How can we live in a way that seeks to glorify God rather than seeking personal acclaim?