

## STEP INTO YOUR HOUR

### JESUS SAID OF HIMSELF:

**John 12:27** *“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”*

### JESUS SAID OF HIS DISCIPLES:

**John 16:32** Indeed **the hour** is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

### JESUS SAID OF EVIL AND DARKNESS:

**Luke 22:53** When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But **this is your hour**, and the power of darkness.”

### ESTHER - God’s Plan For Her Defining Moment

- **THE “SETUP”**

**1:19** If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.

- **THE “MAKEUP”**

**2:8** So it was, when the king’s command and decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered at Shushan the <sup>11</sup>citadel, *under* the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king’s palace, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women. <sup>9</sup> Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance.

<sup>12</sup> Each young woman’s turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had completed twelve months’ preparation, according to the regulations for the women, for thus were the days of their preparation apportioned: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women.

### **Bible study - Faithfulness - Prayer - Giving - Obedience - Identity - Authority - Service**

- **“STIRRED UP”**

**3:8** Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, “There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws *are* different from all *other* people’s, and they do not keep the king’s laws. Therefore it *is* not fitting for the king to let them remain. <sup>9</sup> If it pleases the king, let *a decree* be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring *it* into the king’s treasuries.”

**1 Peter 1:6,7** in this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

**James 1:2** <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

**1 Peter 4:12** <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup> but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

- **"SPEAK UP"**

**4:13-16** <sup>13</sup> And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

#### **HOW TO STEP INTO YOUR HOUR**

- DON'T LET YOUR PAST DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE
- BELIEVE GOD IS POSITIONING YOU
- APPLY YOURSELF
- DON'T BE UNAWARE OF THE ENEMY
- TAKE ACTION

***"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"***

***"But for this purpose I came to this hour!"***