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How Will You Live?

Esther: Where Do I Fit in  
God's Plan?

*Esther 4:15-16*



Salvation in Christ (Redeem those  
who turn to Christ)

Israel (Jews)

Esther

Mordecai

TRUTH: God calls and equips you  
and I to be part of His Master Plan  
of redeeming mankind.

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<sup>16</sup> Esther was taken to King Xerxes at the royal palace in early winter of the seventh year of his reign. <sup>17</sup> And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti. <sup>18</sup> To celebrate the occasion, he gave a great banquet in Esther's honor for all his nobles and officials, declaring a public holiday for the provinces and giving generous gifts to everyone. <sup>19</sup> Even after all the young women had been transferred to the second harem and Mordecai had become a palace official, <sup>20</sup> Esther continued to keep her family background and nationality a secret. She was still following Mordecai's directions, just as she did when she lived in his home. ~ *Esther 2:16-20*

1. Be open to God's plan for your life,  
2:16-20

- God sees the big picture
- God's plan includes you to help Him accomplish His greater purpose

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<sup>13</sup> Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther,  
“Do not think to yourself that in the king's  
palace you will escape any more than all the  
other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time,  
relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from  
another place, but you and your father's house  
will perish. And who knows whether you have  
not come to the kingdom for such a time as  
this?” ~ *Esther 4:13-14*

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2. Trust God's providence and weigh the cost of not following God, 4:13-14

- God knows what He is doing
- When you don't follow God, you miss being used by Him

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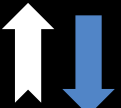
15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, 16 “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do...  
~ Esther 4:15-16a

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3. Seek wisdom from God and godly counsel, 4:15-16a

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...Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”<sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.  
~ *Esther 4:16b-17*

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4. Trust that God is in control of the plan He has for your life and follow the plan, 4:16b-17

- Requires bold faith & God's help
- You become a witness to others

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# BOTTOM LINE

God wants to use His people to accomplish His will, but you must make yourself available to Him.

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