



Main Passage:

The Book of Esther

Sermon Title: *"Rising in the Midst of a Hot Mess"*

Key Verse: Esther 4:14 – "...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

I. When Life Feels Like a Hot Mess

- We all face moments of:
 - Confusion
 - Injustice
 - Pressure
 - Fear
- We ask: *"Why me? Why here? Why now?"*

💡 **Main Idea:** What if God hasn't misplaced you—but **strategically placed you?**

II. Esther: Positioned on Purpose

- Esther didn't grow up in a palace—she grew up in **exile**, raised by her cousin **Mordecai**
- She was taken into a beauty contest she **never asked for**
- Made queen not by privilege, but by **divine placement through pain**



Truth: God doesn't wait for perfect conditions to fulfill His perfect plan.



Read: *Esther 2:3–8*

III. Your Mess Might Be Your Moment

- God doesn't always **rescue us from** the mess—
 - He **positions us** in it.
 - Don't just **survive** this season—start **thriving** in it.
 - That job, that neighborhood, that tension—it may be **your Esther moment**.
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IV. When Evil Rises, So Must You

- **Enter the villain: Haman**
 - Plot to destroy the Jews
 - Mordecai refuses to bow
- Esther is asked to speak up—but it could cost her everything



Read: *Esther 4:13–16*

V. Esther's 3 Big Challenges

1. **Fear** – approaching the king could mean death

2. **Identity** – she had hidden who she was

3. **Risk** – she could lose it all

💬 “If I perish, I perish.”

💡 **Challenge:** Let your **faith be louder than your fear**.

VI. Don't Move Before You Fast

- Esther didn't rush—she paused to **fast and pray**
- **Before you speak, seek**
 - Some doors only open after **prayerful preparation**

📖 **Read:** *Esther 4:15–17*

VII. Wisdom + Boldness = Breakthrough

- Esther uses both:
 - She builds **relationship**
 - She waits for **God's timing**
- On the second dinner, she exposes the truth

📖 **Key:** Breakthrough doesn't just come from the truth you carry, but the **timing you trust**.

VIII. God Turns Plots Into Platforms

- A new decree is written
- The people are saved

📖 **Read:** *Esther 8:10–11*

💡 **Reminder:** Don't give up mid-story. God turns mourning into dancing!

IX. Final Challenge: What Will You Do With This Moment?

- Esther made a **choice**: courage > comfort, faith > fear
- God still uses **ordinary people** to do **extraordinary things**

? Where has God positioned you?

? What fear must you overcome?

! Maybe THIS is your sign.
