

Title: 'For Such a Time as This' Pt. 6 'The Power of Persuasion'

Main text: Esther 4:1-17

Key verse: Proverbs 27:6a, Joshua 1:6a

Introduction: Today, we move into chapter four & we will understand what God calls us to be in our culture today.

1. A huge outcry

- Unsure about their **faithfulness** & **devotion**.
- No scriptural **affirmation** has been given.
- No indication of **regret** over his **refusal**.
- Only **brokenness** over the **consequences**.
- No longer **hiding** his **nationality**.
- A sign of **grief**, **despair**, & **repentance**.
- No record he sought an **audience** to **argue**.
- Nor that he sought to **mend** the relationship.

2. A huge ask

- Fears for herself above her people.
- Immediately becomes anxious & afraid.
- Esther makes excuses.
- Mordecai sends a rebuke & call to action.
- God's Providential provision is implied.

3. A huge risk

- Are we **fearful** instead of **faithful**?
- **Passive** instead of **participating**?
- The Gospel should **fuel** our obedience & it is **evidence** of our relationship with Him.
- Wow, **sudden boldness!**

- A call to **prayer** & **fasting**.
- Commanded to **leverage** our relationships...

Sermon notes:

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