



Welcome!

SERIES: THIS IS YOUR MOMENT

Today's Message: Positioned for Your Moment

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Gracious God, you are always at work, even when we don't know it and can't see it. Enable us to trust your providence and plan. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What's your favorite type of movie? Why?

INTRODUCTION: At some point, we're all going to encounter life-defining moments. Esther, an unlikely Bible heroine, did. And just like her, it's up to us whether we'll seize them or let them slip by. Whether we'll leverage our influence for good or hope someone else takes the lead. When the time comes, are you ready to say "yes" to the opportunities God has given you?

SCRIPTURE: Read Esther 2:15-18 (NKJV)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today?
1. What does the story of Esther remind you of? Choose one and share why.
 - a fairy tale
 - a TV miniseries
 - a comic book
 - the latest Disney animated film
2. How would you have felt if you were Esther (who had no choice in the matter) about being selected for the king's harem?
 - flattered
 - angry
 - proud
 - frightened
 - embarrassed
 - used
3. Why do you think Mordecai prohibited Esther from revealing that she was a Jew?
 - He was ashamed of the fact.
 - He was afraid Esther would be disqualified from being queen.
 - He was afraid Esther would be persecuted.



- He liked to run Esther's life.
- Something told him it wasn't the right time.

Have you ever hidden your identity? Why?

4. How do you respond when you are forbidden to do something? (And if have children, how do they respond when they are forbidden to do something?)

- with happy compliance
- with angry compliance
- with many arguments
- with outright defiance

5. How can you relate to this story? Share why.

- Like Mordecai, I face the stressful challenges of being a "substitute parent."
- Like Esther, I feel forced into to a difficult situation.
- Like Mordecai, I have a child that has had a rough life.
- Like Esther, I'm hiding a secret
- Like Mordecai, I'm anxious about something (v. 11).
- Like Esther, despite circumstances my needs are being met.

6. In your relationship with God, how do you feel right now? Why?

- chosen
- rejected
- overlooked
- "cosmetic"
- compliant
- Joyful

CHALLENGE: Esther was affirmed by others. What beautiful inner qualities do you see in the people in your group? Have one person at a time listen while others affirm that person.

SERVE: Pray for the others in your group as they step forward into the future. Pray over 2022 and what God might want to accomplish through you and through your group.

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CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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