



Welcome!

SERIES: THIS IS YOUR MOMENT

Today's Message: Making Sense of Your Moment

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: God of love and mercy, truth, and justice, we give you praise for who you are. Your ways are mysterious, your love is unlimited, and your truth is marching on. Enable us now to align with you that we might do your will all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Describe yourself—are you timely or tardy most of the time? How does either serve you or support you?

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 7:1-10 (MSG)

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? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. How does the story of Esther, Mordecai, and Haman help us understand the injustices we see in our world today? How can we respond where God has placed us today?
3. In Esther 7:3, Esther finds "favor" in the king's sight. Finding the king's favor is a subtle way of implying Esther has God's favor. How does Esther have God's favor? How might we find it too? Read Psalm 84:11.
4. Esther has come before the king to save herself and the people she loves, even at great risk to herself. How does this tell us about the gospel? Haman made gallows fifty cubits high (75 feet) to hang Mordecai, but he is hanged upon those gallows instead of Mordecai. What advice is this episode offering to us as readers?

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

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!', partially overlapping the letters 'e' and 'C'.

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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CALL: 804.643.6177

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