

# Welcome!

SERIES: THIS IS YOUR MOMENT Today's Message: Step Into Your Moment Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

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**PRAYER:** God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we need courage to face the challenges in our lives. Would you steel our convictions that we might stand on your promises no matter what happens? Calm our fear. Quiet our anxiety. Give us the strength to step into the moments you place before us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What's the BIGGEST moment you'd had in the last two years? 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 4:1-15 (NIV)

### 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. Esther's people were in a state of crisis, yet she was undisturbed. How important do you think it was for her to hear the truth about their condition? When we hear about the crises in our community and our world, what should our response be? How do we manage the fear we have of losing what we have worked so hard to achieve to help others?
- 3. Esther arrived at the place where she had to make a decision. Have you ever postponed or procrastinated about making a critical decision? What is your process for making critical decisions?
- 4. Esther requested others to pray for and pray with her, are the prayers of others important for you? Why or why not?

**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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**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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FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472 EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies) EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call) EMAIL: <u>ecare@myspbc.org</u>.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>. TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000 EMAIL: <u>emergencyassistance@myspbc.org</u>.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

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