

The Value of *Relationships*

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Introduction:

Why Do I Need a Relationship That Helps Me Seize the Moment?

Because it is a relationship that helps you prepare for the moment.

Because it is a relationship with someone who is older and wiser, and who sees life from a mature perspective.

Because it is a relationship that helps you not waste the valuable qualities of your life.

Because they have a perspective to help you reach your optimal best.

Because they can help you understand who you will effect by your decisions.

I. The personal concern Mordecai invested into their relationship.

A. Mordecai gave Esther the economic support she needed.

... whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

Esther 2:7

The Equity That Mordecai's House Had Developed in Esther

She had kept herself pure so the Lord could use her:

... Let there be fair young virgins sought for

the king: Esther 2:2

She had a disposition that was sweet and kind, and displayed both an inward and outward beauty:

... the maid was fair and beautiful;

Esther 2:7

... And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him;

Esther 2:9

... And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

Esther

2:15

She had a spirit of contentment about her heart:

...

she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed.

Esther 2:15

She used discretion that came from an obedient spirit:

... Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it.

Esther 2:10

B. Mordecai gave Esther the emotional support she needed.

And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her. **Esther 2:11**

II. The problematic circumstances that threatened their race.

“The very ones whose social pressure cause you to compromise will despise you for it. They probably respect your convictions, and many of them wish they had the moral stamina to stand alone. May the Lord give you added courage to be a witness for Him, even in a hard place.”

- Billy Graham

A. He helped her to realize her personal qualities in the face of moral evil.

Esther had a quite now moment! “Did you know that Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team? Thomas Edison was told by his teacher he was too stupid to learn anything, and he failed a 1,000 times before he invented the light bulb. Albert Einstein $E=MC^2$ (the Genius) couldn’t talk until he was 4, didn’t read until he was 7 and his teacher said he was mentally slow. Henry Ford went broke five times before he made money. Walt Disney was fired from his hometown news paper. The editor said he lacked imagination.”

Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

(V. 14) For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place;
Esther 4:13-14

B. He helped her to realize her providential uniqueness in the face of moral evil.

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 4:14

III. The personal contribution Mordecai presses her to make.

And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.
Esther 5:2

A. The courageous steps that Esther took to deliver her people.

Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? And what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

Esther 5:3

(The King rewards her for her courage.)

*“The conflict in this book is more than a battle between two men,
Haman and Mordecai. This is a conflict between Heaven and Hell,
light and darkness, Christ and Satan. We also are in that conflict.
We have many devil-inspired enemies, for the devil is
still on the trail of God’s people. Yet the Bible says when
we trust the Lord.”*
**No weapon formed against you
shall prosper. Isaiah 54:17**
- Adrian Rogers

B. The conquering strategy that delivered Esther’s people.

Esther uses great wisdom within her strategy. *And Esther answered, If it
seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the
banquet that I have prepared for him.*
Esther 5:4

*And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy
petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to
the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.*
Esther 5:6

God’s providence helps Esther in her courageous work. *And the king said,
What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then
said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done
for him.*
Esther 6:3

*... and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom. (V. 3)
Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy
sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my
petition, and my people at my request: (V. 4) For we are sold, I and my
people, to be destroyed, to be slain,...*
Esther 7:2b-4a