

You may not be able to see the hand of God, but you can always trust the heart of God.

1. Use the platform God has given you.

- **Esther 2:17** – And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti.

2. Realize the urgency.

- **Esther 4:11, 13-14** – “All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.” Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

3. Seek God’s guidance.

- **Esther 4:16-5:2** – “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him. On the third day of the fast, Esther put on her royal robes and entered the inner court of the palace, just across from the king’s hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne, facing the entrance. When he saw Queen Esther standing there in the inner court, he welcomed her and held out the gold scepter to her. So Esther approached and touched the end of the scepter.

"IT'S YOUR TURN"

4. Live with humility.

- **Esther 5:9, 14** – Haman was a happy man as he left the banquet! But when he saw Mordecai sitting at the palace gate, not standing up or trembling nervously before him, Haman became furious. So Haman's wife, Zeresh, and all his friends suggested, "Set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall, and in the morning ask the king to impale Mordecai on it. When this is done, you can go on your merry way to the banquet with the king." This pleased Haman, and he ordered the pole set up.
- **Esther 7:9; 8:1-2** – "Haman has set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall in his own courtyard. He intended to use it to impale Mordecai, the man who saved the king from assassination." "Then impale Haman on it!" the king ordered. On that same day King Xerxes gave the property of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther. Then Mordecai was brought before the king, for Esther had told the king how they were related. The king took off his signet ring—which he had taken back from Haman—and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed Mordecai to be in charge of Haman's property.

Coming Soon:

1. **Honduras 2024:** Stop by the collection bin on Main Street to find out the trip team members and the items needed. Please join us in praying for our team, bringing in items, and making a financial gift to our village.
2. **Mother's Day at DRC:** Start making plans to be with us on Sunday, May 12th. We can't wait to celebrate with you: child dedications, a photo booth, and much more!
3. **DRC Worship:** As we head into the summer, now is the perfect time to join our worship team: choir, tech team, band. Get involved today. Email Daniel.elias@danriverchurch.org.
4. **DRC KIDS:** God has been doing great things in our DRC Kids area for the last several months. As new kids come, new leaders are needed. If you are interested in learning more about serving in our nursery, preschool, or elementary areas, email Madison.Sharber@danriverchurch.org.