

"For Such A Time As This"

Esther 4:1-17
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Can one person really make a difference in this world?

Point #1: Mordecai was totally broken. (v.1)

Sackcloth refers to garments made of rough cloth, usually from camel's hair or goat's hair and it was regarded as unclean because it was worn when grieving the dead. (v.2)

Point #2: The Jews were desperate for God. (v.3)

Point #3: Suffering has a tendency to bring people together. (v.3)

Point #4: Esther was insulated as queen. (v.4)

Point #5: Mordecai wasn't looking for the queen's apparel he was looking for the queen's attention. (v4)

Point #6: Mordecai didn't fabricate the story and he didn't exaggerate the facts. (v.5-8)

Important truth: There is no such thing as positive gossip. (v.5-8)

Questions to think about before you share something:

1. Is it true?
2. Will it tear someone down or build someone up?
3. Does it glorify Jesus or does it grieve the Holy Spirit?

Two things I want you to notice in verse 8:

Mordecai just told Hathach that Esther was a Jew.

Mordecai was challenging Esther through Hathach to appeal to the king on behalf of the Jewish people.

Question: What did Hathach do with the information? He returns and tells Esther everything.

Point #7: You don't just waltz into the king's throne room uninvited. (v.10-12)

Mordecai says three things to Esther in verses 13 & 14:

1. If you do nothing, don't think you will escape death because you're living in the palace.
2. God will use someone to save our nation.
3. Maybe it's you, Esther.