

AT YOUR OWN RISK



PART 2 :: *TIMING IS EVERYTHING* :: JOEL THOMAS

INTRODUCTION

Regardless of our spiritual beliefs, most of us think that everything happens for a reason. And if that is true--if God has us where we are for a purpose--what if we miss it? In this session we'll examine a pivotal circumstance in the time of Queen Esther and how she leveraged her unique position to fulfill her purpose.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you were younger, where did you think you would be at this point in your life? How does that compare to where you are now?
2. Read Esther 2:5-18. How had Esther's circumstances changed?
3. Read Esther 4:11-17. Mordecai was confident that God would deliver his people with or without Esther's involvement. Why do you think Esther was willing to risk everything to go see the king?
4. Have you ever felt that what you were doing was what you were *born* to do? What did that feel like? How was it different from other activities or experiences?
5. As you look back on the steps that brought you to where you are now, how can you see God's work in them?
6. Think about the position you're in, the relationships you have, and the talents, gifts, and resources available to you. What do you think God is up to?
7. If God has led you to where you are "for such a time as this," what might you miss if you don't follow through on what he has called you to do?

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THINK ABOUT IT

Read Proverbs 20:24 and 16:9. Ask yourself some of the "why" questions.

- Why do you have that job?
- Why do you own your own company?
- Why are you the president of the homeowner's association?
- Why are you networked with those other home-school moms?
- Why do you live in that neighborhood?
- Why do you go to that school?
- Why have you been entrusted with the talents, gifts, and resources that you have?

Why do you think God has you where you are?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If God has placed you where you are for a reason, what is he calling you to do?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this? Esther 4:14