

For Such A Time As This
Esther 4-14

Every moment of time is laden with inestimable value. There is an eternity in every moment, an opportunity on the crest of every day. There are times when certain moments are charged with the instruments of destiny. Moments that determine the outcome of future generations. Moments when the balances are hung out as a challenge, to be tipped in the right or wrong direction.

There are times when all proceeding moments converge into one issue and call for a man or group of men with confidence ~~written~~ in their ~~faces~~ and authority in their voices, to rise up and meet the emergency. It was at such a time *as this* when these words were uttered. It was a terrible hour, a tragic moment. At that crucial moment when the innocent and helpless were about to be sacrificed to the heartless whims of a pagan ruler.

There was one man who knew no defeat. A man who wouldnt give up. A man who did not know when he was licked.

The law was passed. Death was certain. Haman had plotted destruction, but Mordiciah saw a chance to do something worth while.

He was ~~at~~ home in the mist of conflict. He liked nothing better than a good fight. When he saw sin rageing and the devil paradeing in defiance of Gods people it made his blood ~~to~~ boil. He was ready for a fight. He was letting the enemy know that he was there. Although death may come, he was not going to take it lying down. He was going to give a good account of himself while it was going on.

He sends word to Esther, saying, go in and speal to the King. You might have come ot the kungdon for such a time as this. He was saying, your queenship is not by chance. It was not the trick of fate, or to simply ~~to~~ satisfy the desires of a druken monarch. It was for a cause. You came to the kingdom for a purpose and it was such a time as this.

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In saying that this ancient Jew was raising the dignity of the individual to an all time high. He was suggesting the eternal principle that all men, however humble, have an important place in the pattern of God for the universe. None of us are sons of chance, but rather children of destiny.

I make free to say, we are not cast up on the stage of action just to fill space for a season, but we are here for a purpose. We have a mission. We are bearing a touch in a dark world. In a word we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

We may be sure that both Mardicia and Esther knew that the thing she was called upon to do was against the law. It was contrary to custom, but when an issue of life and death was involved, custom and conventionality had to go.

There are rules, laws and principals that are held dear ~~in our church~~. They are the things that we should be identified by. It is because of them that we are a church today. We love them and preach them, and they are the very foundation upon which we are built. There are other rules and customs that are an impediment to our progress.

We are majoring in minors, giving too much time to the things of lesser value.

We stand today at a most treacherous hour. We are milling about in the terrible ~~afterglow~~ ^{glow} of times ~~greatest wars~~ ^{of times greater revolutions}.

The accelerated program made necessary by the velocity of war has left us in a whirlpool of dissatisfaction. We ~~moan the terrible loss of~~ ^{die} ~~lives on the battlefield~~, but the greatest toll of life associated with this ~~is on the home~~ front. The silencing of the guns on foreign battlefields by no means brought an end to the wholesale sacrifice of human lives on the wayside altars of this land.

The most pathetic feature of this tragedy is the age group which it affected. It is not the old or even the middle age, but it is the youth.

They are the ones that are hit the hardest. They are the ones caught in the snare and have lost their way.

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~~Just~~ juvenile delinquency has hit an all time high. Moral restraint is of no avail. The ~~nominal~~ *average* church does not rebuke the modern practices of the ~~world~~. The devil has staged a program that is very enticing and is alluring ~~the~~ youth away in to bondage and sin. Education is becoming corrupt and pagan. The youth of ~~other~~ *the church* has joined hands with the world, and are going down the line. We are standing at a momentous hour. The cry for help is going out. We need somebody for this hour. In the words of the text ~~we~~ *have* come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

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~~We have not had much place in the church, but the time has come when we are coming into our own.~~ We are going to have to take some terrible risks. The task is dangerous. It is going to call for courage and bravery, but we have come to the kingdom for this time. We will have to do the ~~unnatural, that which is against the law,~~ become a Daniel in conviction, a Joseph in faithfulness.

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an Esther's own dedication & bravery.

If the church fails now we shall be utterly lost.

God give us one who like this woman