

FEARLESS!

For Such a Time as This

*“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. To celebrate the occasion, he gave a great banquet in Esther’s honor for all his nobles and officials, declaring a public holiday for the provinces and giving generous gifts to everyone. Esther continued to keep her family background and nationality a secret. She was still following Mordecai’s directions, just as she did when she lived in his home.” **Esther 2:17-18, 20 (NLT)***

*“All the king’s officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by, for so the king had commanded. But Mordecai refused to bow down or show him respect. Then the palace officials at the king’s gate asked Mordecai, “Why are you disobeying the king’s command?” They spoke to him day after day, but still he refused to comply with the order. So they spoke to Haman about this to see if he would tolerate Mordecai’s conduct, since Mordecai had told them he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai would not bow down or show him respect, he was filled with rage.” **Esther 3:2-5 (NLT)***

YOU ARE MOST INFLUENTIAL WHEN:

1. YOU SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR PEOPLE

*“For how can I endure to see my people and my family slaughtered and destroyed?” **Esther 8:6 (NLT)***

*“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart...”
Proverbs 15:30 (NLT)*

2. YOU SACRIFICE FOR YOUR PEOPLE

“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.” **Esther 4:11 (NLT)**

“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.” **Esther 4:16 (NLT)**

“Don’t forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God.” **Hebrews 13:16 (GW)**

3. YOU SPEAK UP FOR YOUR PEOPLE

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?” **Esther 4:13-14 (NLT)**

“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!” **Psalms 107:2 (KJV)**

“Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. Speak for them and... protect the rights of the poor and needy.”

Proverbs 31:8-9 (GNT)

“Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days.” **Ephesians 5:16 (NLT)**

“Make the most of your chances to tell unbelievers the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them.” **Colossians 4:5 (LB)**