

## The Book of Esther 1-10

## LIFE LESSONS

## 1. Our daily \_\_\_\_\_ position us to fulfill our purpose.

1 Peter 3:3-4 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

Esther 2:19-23

Esther 3:8-9 Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom who keep themselves separate. Their customs are different from those of all other people, and they do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them. 9 If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will give ten thousand talents of silver to the king's administrators for the royal treasury."

## 2. Fear will always stand between you and your \_\_\_\_\_.

Esther 4:11 All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.

❖ Courage is not the absence of fear. It's what you do in \_\_\_\_\_ of the fear.

## 3. God has placed you in this day and this time for a \_\_\_\_\_ purpose.

Esther 4:13-14 Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief

and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Psalm 118:24 NKJV This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Joshua 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

## 4. Our purpose is \_\_\_\_\_ in God's presence.

Esther 4:15-16 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

❖ "If a man hasn't discovered something to die for then he isn't fit to live." ~Martin Luther King

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

❖ When a crisis comes it doesn't mean \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. \_\_\_\_\_ to our purpose impacts countless lives beyond our own.

Esther 8:11 The king's edict granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy, kill and annihilate the armed men of any nationality or province who might attack them and their women and children, and to plunder the property of their enemies.

Esther 8:16 For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor.