

ESTHER: "FROM AN ORPHAN TO A QUEEN"

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? (Esther 4:14 NIV)

INTRODUCTION: *In the Bible we see tremendous leaders who left a legacy of blessing and others of curse. They had a purpose, but they distorted it, like Samson. God had brought him with a purpose, but it ended badly. What a pity that it ended like that! But we can also delight ourselves with stories of men and women who knew what they were called to do in this life, who impacted this land and left a legacy of blessing.*

1. BUILT WITH A PURPOSE:

- Maybe you can say, "That was a long time ago," but the reality is that all human beings were created by God with purpose and we are purpose builders in the season in which we are living.
- God has given us a great calling, potential, and abilities so that we can wreak havoc, change lives, change environments, change homes and bring children into the world who benefit the society. Children who are of great pride to their parents, for universities, a pride in the government, and that our children are the ones who take possession, etc. How exciting that God gave us a Purpose! We were all called with a purpose.
- Speaking about purpose builders, we can't forget about a woman who also left a legacy of blessing and that is Esther.

O. WHO WAS ESTHER? (Esther 2:7)

- Esther was born with a purpose. Maybe she never understood what was the divine plan behind everything that happened to her. She was an orphan, simple, and poor. She had no chance of achieving anything in life, but God honored her by removing her from that environment and anonymity, bringing her to a palace, in a place of influence. God can do the same with you, no matter your background or your past.
- Who could have imagined that an orphan girl who had grown up with her cousin, a Jew, was going to get there? God already knew that Esther's purpose would be of a deliverer of Jews during that time!
- What was the circumstance that God would use? That the current wife of the king at that time disobeyed him to take away her place as queen and put Esther. In Esther's book we find the whole story. When God has a calling and a purpose for someone, it does not matter what He has to move, as long as we are willing, and we have said to him: "Count with me Lord". What is the purpose you have for me? I don't want to die and take it to my grave. I want to leave a legacy of blessing with every year that I live.
- When they presented her to the king to test her, the king fell in her favor and chose her to be his wife. As she was queen, a decree suddenly came out to kill all the Jews, all this was planned by a man who hated Mordecai and all the Jews and all

those who worked in the palace with the king.

- When Mordecai found out, he gave the news to Esther, saying: "Esther now I understand why God brought you to the royal house, now I understand why God chose you to be the queen." (**Esther 4:12-14**)
- In those times, if the king wanted to see the queen, he had to send for her. When she arrived, he extended his scepter as a symbol of approval, but if she was not called and presented herself to him, she could die.
- They all fasted together and when she appeared before the king uninvited, she found incredible favor and grace before him. Because the king could have said to her: "What are you doing here? And sent to have her killed immediately, however (**Esther 5:3 NIV**) at the end of the whole story we see how God gave her favor before the king. That was a support and a response from God to Esther that He was in the matter and that the Jews were going to be saved. God showed her that the purpose of her being queen in that season was for the salvation of the Jews.

TODAY'S TIMES:

- Just as the Jews were afraid, we are living the same wasn't today. There are people dying, suffering, injustice, famine, death, and kidnapping all over the world, etc. Who is going to get up to do justice? Who is going to get up to fight for them? God has chosen you and I to seek justice.
- What skills do you have to go to help others? Maybe you have money, or a giving heart, perhaps you have the gifts and abilities to be that voice in

society, maybe your career allows you to speak the truth and see justice done. Don't make excuses! God has put us all on this earth with a purpose.

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR THIS SEASON AND SERIES:

- 1. Discover what is your purpose.**
- 2. Find a place where you can develop your purpose.** It can be in your church. Find a way to give that time now while you are still full of life.
- 3. Take advantage, this is the time of your purpose!** That is why we were not born in the time of Noah, nor that of our Lord Jesus; but TODAY, because He knew that we were going to be effective in this time. God needs us today.

CONCLUSION: *I inspire you to take advantage of today that you have health, today that there is hope, today that the world needs you, to bring the good news and tell others that God is coming soon. Let others know that they can count on our prayers, with our hugs, with our affection, make a prayer for them so they know that nothing is impossible with God, and that although there are death threats on our Nation, we can stop them through prayer. Together we can make a big difference. We pray that God will give you peace, He will lead you and you will not lose another year, but that you will fulfill that purpose of God in your life. And if you have not accepted Jesus in your heart, pray the following prayer.*

SALVATION PRAYER: *Lord Jesus I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and my heart so that you may be my Lord and personal Savior, amen*