



DOING THE RIGHT THING

“Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?” – Esther 4:14b

ESTHER’S REQUEST TO THE KING

READ ESTHER 5-8

People often talk about being “in the right place at the right time.” Usually, we use that phrase as an example of luck. We meet someone who ends up offering us a great job or we happen to notice a neighbor struggling and are able to help them – “I was just in the right place at the right time.” But what if there are times when God has purposefully placed us in a specific place at a specific time for a specific reason?

Esther was a Jew who ended up through a series of “coincidences” as queen of Persia. When the Jewish people were in danger of being destroyed, Esther was in just the right place at the right time to influence the king and save the Jewish people from destruction. But being in the right place at the right time isn’t always easy. Esther risked her life by going before the king without being invited. She must have been fearful, but she resolved herself to doing what was right. Her bravery won her honor and saved many people from death.

We probably won’t be called upon to go before royalty, but we all face decisions that require courage and resolve. It is not always easy to do the right thing. But God sometimes puts us in risky situations where we might have exactly the skills or temperament to help and to make a difference, if we’re willing to overcome our fear. Who knows if you are where you are today “for such a time as this?”

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. When have you experienced being in the right place at the right time? How did it feel?
2. What choices have you made that required bravery? What helped you make the choice to do the right thing?
3. Is there any area where you feel God is calling you to take a stand? Spend some time in prayer about it and ask him to give you courage.
4. Consider where you are today. How are you feeling? What are you facing? In what ways can you see that God has placed you right where you are for a reason?