



Esther ... This Moment is For You

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For such at time as this ...

A Moment in Esther's Life ...

- A _____ ... *for just such a time as this ...*
- An _____ for the **Moment** ... *Who knows if perhaps you ...*
- A _____ for the **Moment** ... *I will go ... and if I perish, I perish*
 - Truth ...
 - God is always at _____ ...
 - God invites you into a _____ with Him that is Real and Personal.
 - God invites You to _____ in His Work.
 - God's invitation to you will always lead you to a _____ to join Him in His Work.

Life Lessons ... To Be Ready for the Moment

- What is Required? A Vibrant _____.
- What does it Take? _____.
- Why Should I Do It? _____.

Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Have you missed a big opportunity? What was it? Why did you miss it? What was the result of missing this opportunity?

Part of being "Ready" for the knock of opportunity is preparation, maybe the largest part. Read Matthew 25:1-13. What was the ingredient needed to be ready for the coming of the bridegroom? Why did some take the necessary ingredient and others did not? (You can speculate here if need be)
2. Read the following verses about opportunity.

Psalm 1	Ephesians 5:15-20	Hebrews 11:17
Romans 7:8, 11	Proverbs 1:24-33	1 Peter 3:15

What should we avoid? What must we do? How does what I do in life prior to an opportunity prepare me for the opportunity? How does neglecting those things make me unprepared?
3. The edict initiated by Haman would result in the execution of the Jews across the Persian Empire. Read Esther 4 again, in a few translations. What was Esther's concern that kept her from wanting to get involved initially? Mordecai (an older cousin of Esther, who raised her because her parents had died) encouraged her to get involved in spite of the risk. Read vs. 14 again. Mordecai was confident of deliverance for the Jews, yet He pushed Esther to get involved. Why?
4. How does a consistency in our walk with God assist us in being aware of God being at work around us? How does that consistency assist us in our readiness to act? Our willingness to take a risk? Our willingness to act in faith?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your group.
 - a. Can a person be a Christian and totally miss God at work in their lives or in the lives of those around them? How does this happen?
 - b. How can a person inclined to living impulsively by his feelings develop self-discipline? What steps should he take?
 - c. What is the difference between being self-disciplined and being legalistic? What warning signs should a person watch for?



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- A **Moment in Time** ... *for just such a time as this ...*
- An **Individual** for the **Moment** ... *Who knows if perhaps you ...*
- A **Choice** for the **Moment** ... *I will go ... and if I perish, I perish*
 - Truth ...
 - God is always at **Work** ...
 - God invites you into a **Love Relationship** with Him that is Real and Personal.
 - God invites You to **Get involved** in His Work.
 - God's invitation to you will always lead you to a **Crisis of Belief** to join Him in His Work.

Life Lessons ... To Be Ready for the Moment

- What is Required? A Vibrant **Growing Relationship**.
- What does it Take? **Discipline**.
- Why Should I Do It? **The Cross**.

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