

MESSAGE NOTES

DATE JUNE 21, 2020

SERIES: For Such A Time As This

MESSAGE: *Challenged to Change*

TEXT: Esther 4

One of the _____ of being human is the promise of change. We don't have to stay the same. We don't have to be the _____ person a year from now as we are today

_____ always begins somewhere. It's a _____.

_____ have a way of making us assess our relationship with God and to God. And crisis will normally either crowd us _____ to Jesus, or they have a way of eroding _____.

God isn't necessarily causing it or doing it, but He is _____ it. What people mean for _____, God can use for good.

Crisis has a way of _____ the issue and making us move.

Sometimes God uses someone, often someone we _____ and respect, to challenge us about how we are living. Sometimes we need to be _____ to change.

Transformation never occurs _____. No one accidentally becomes more Godly. We have to make a choice. It requires intention.

God invites us to work alongside Him to _____ His purposes in the world. He offers us the _____ to be part of what He is doing.

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BIG IDEA: AM I WILLING TO ALLOW GOD TO TRANSFORM ME?

Getting Started

What are your favorite human experiences?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Esther 4 together.
2. When has a season of waiting turned into a season of preparation?
3. Share a time when you were forced to make a decision. How did you feel when making that decision?
4. Discuss a time when life "slapped you in the face".
5. How did you respond, initially, when faced with crises? How did your response change as you walked through it?
6. Has God ever used a crisis to get your attention?
7. Who challenges you to change?
8. Transformation never occurs accidentally. We have to make a choice. When have you been intentional about starting a spiritual transformation?
9. How might God be preparing you to step forward to speak truth for those who are vulnerable or threatened?

Going Deeper

Read Esther 4:13. Where has God placed you to be an influence or make a change for "such a time as this"?

PRAYER

What a faithful, trustworthy, loving and merciful God we serve. We have so many human experiences to celebrate and rejoice in but we also face times of uncertainty and crisis. Help us to rejoice in those moments also. Guide our thoughts and hearts to be transformed to join in the work You are doing here on earth to build Your Kingdom. Amen!