

June 29 & 30
Heroes – Esther

Esther is an UNDERDOG story!

There are times in OUR life when God seems in the background, and is leading us in the FOREGROUND.

Esther 1:2,3 At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. The military leaders of Persia and Media, the princes, and the nobles of the provinces were present.

Esther 1:10-12 On the seventh day, when King Xerxes was in high spirits from wine, he commanded the seven eunuchs who served him...to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty to the people and nobles, for she was lovely to look at. But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger.

Esther's first response isn't exactly HEROIC.

Esther 4:13-14 "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 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?"

I. You are WHO you are for a purpose.

Her true identity was a CHILD OF GOD

Fully embracing our identity as a child of God gives us COURAGE to live out God's calling in our life!

II. You are WHERE you are for a purpose.

God has been at work in our lives, so that we can have IMPACT and influence for Him.

Start right WHERE YOU ARE.

Heroes often say "YES" to God in an INCONVENIENT TIME.

III. You are WHEN you are for a purpose.

"Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14)

So many of us get stuck on SOMEDAY

"The more often (we) feel without acting, the less (we) will be able ever to act, and, in the long run, the less (we) will be able to feel." – C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

We encourage you to take a NEXT STEP

1. "Yes" to Jesus
2. "Yes" to baptism
3. "Yes" to a Life Group
4. "Yes" to serving
6. "Yes" to living on mission

Esther 4:16 I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."