

This Time . . . and More

Esther 4:14 says “. . . *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?*”

There is no one, ever, in the history of God’s universe, like YOU.

No one has ever had your collage of experiences, spiritual gifts, talents challenges, foibles, sins to fight, and reality to engage. No one else is like you.

With that in mind, then it can be said of you too what was said of Esther: that you are who you are and you are where you are in life right now, “. . . *for such a time as this.*”

“If you remain silent,” Mordecai said to Queen Esther, there may never be another opportunity, another chance as you have right now. Yes, there is no one else just like you and no other time just like now. And that also means that there is no one else who can do *exactly* what you can do right now.

Too often, as we deal with the cares and needs and struggles of life, we remain silent. We don’t open our mouths. We don’t offer a prayer. We don’t take a step. We don’t put forth the effort.

Perhaps we are waiting for someone else to do it.

But it’s not the responsibility of someone else. God has called you (and me) to such a time as this.

How easy it is to wait for someone else to do their part. . . What about **their** prayers? What about **them** taking a leadership role? What about **their** sacrificial gift?

But the point that we hear in today’s verse is not what about someone else doing their part, but rather what about you? Because you are uniquely who you are, only you can do what God has called you to do.

Because you are uniquely who you are, only you are called to live out such a time as this.

As you engage with the “Building Hope for the Future” campaign, it is our prayer that you consider your calling to do whatever it is that only you can do. Consider it a gift that only **you** can give as God provides for you “immeasurably more than you can ask or imagine”.