



DAYSPRING

*...serving what we find God
doing in Wiltshire & beyond*

Values

- Joining God's mission
- Community on a Journey
- Whole Life Spirituality



For Such a Time as This

Marion introduces Esther.....

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Esther

Themes

- Fact or Fiction
- Lack of the mention of God
- Moral controversies
- How Esther served God's purpose



Queen Vashti



King Xerxes



Haman



Mordecai



Esther

Video Clip

Marion completes story

David Introduces Stephen

Learning From Esther

Characteristics of her serving...

- Wisdom – Handling of the situation
- Taking Risk and having Courage - I will go
and If I perish, I perish
- Persistence – Jews delivered

WISDOM:
4:13-14

Esther

- “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 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?**”

RISK & COURAGE: Esther 4:16-17

- ¹⁶ “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” ¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther’s instructions.



PERSEVERANCE:

Esther 9:21-22

- ..celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar ²² as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

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And who knows but that you and I are
here “For such a time as this!”

Learning from Stephen

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables...”

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6





⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

Acts 6

Stephen

- Nothing beneath him
- Nothing beyond him
- Nothing held back

Esther

- Wisdom
- Risk and courage
- Persistence

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2