

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS - "DANGER & DESTINY" PAUL JOHNSON

God takes imperfect people, in imperfect circumstances and draws them into a perfect plan
Esther had imperfect circumstances: lived in Persia which was a brutal empire; from a persecuted ethnic minority; forced into marriage with the King at the age of 14. Neither was she perfect. Esther initially refused to help her fellow Jews out of fear.

Intro question: Key verse "for such a time as this". If you could do anything for God what would you do?

1. Esther's circumstances were far from perfect. How has God used challenging situations you have faced to extend His Kingdom?

2. Isaiah 43:2

There will be rough waters but God promises to be with us through them

Talk about some rough waters you are currently going through. How are you experiencing God's closeness with you through them?

Danger - we want our circumstances to change so that we can be more effective for God.

Truth - God wants to use us in our circumstances.

3. God takes imperfect people:

Are you waiting for you to be changed before you can be used by God? He wants to use you in your weakness. God always positions us for greatness.

In what areas do you feel God has called you to have influence/to extend His Kingdom?

What are the next steps you need to take to move forward in this?

4. Paul referenced Acts 17:26 "he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." Why do you think God has you living where you are and part of the King's Arms family at this time?

Do you have a sense of God's purposes in that?

5. Paul shared about his friend who worked for an aid agency bringing relief in crisis situations. On the face of things they didn't have much but the reality is that they had access to immense resources. The same is true for us spiritually.

How can you live with a growing awareness of the resources at your disposal?

6. Haman's plan was to wipe out God's people:

2014 - International Human Rights. 80% of all acts of religious persecution is directed towards Christians

Take some time to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. You might want to adopt a nation for a term and pray regularly for them as a group.

For further information see the Release International website.