



## “This Is Your Time”

### Lesson Text Esther 4:14-16

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For the last several sermons the messages have focused on putting God at the center of any perceived or real challenges which you may be facing during your Christian journey. We have shared that the faith which produces joy comes from trusting that God will never abandon you. Being in a holding pattern does not mean that you won't land safely, it simply signifies that God is preparing the way for your landing when His time is perfect. This morning I want to challenge you in this message to accept the possibility that “This is Your Time.” Solomon says that there is a time or a season for everything. The principle of seed time and harvest will not override the understanding of time and purpose. God does everything according to His eternal almanac of time and purpose!

In today's lesson text, we read about Mordecai telling Queen Esther that this is her time to stand up and speak to the King Xerxes about the king's orders against the Jewish people. Mordecai wanted Queen Esther to realize that God had given her an opportunity to be a blessing. Mordecai showed Esther that God had been grooming her all her life for this moment. In spite of the tremendous challenge set before her, she was the woman for the job. She was God's choice, a handmaiden fitly chosen and wonderfully endowed for the acquisition of a victorious report. She said “It's my time and if I must die doing God's will - - - Then let me die.”

Mordecai's counsel could prepare her mind for God's purpose, but only fervent prayer could prepare her spirit for the vast understanding that comes with it being - **-Your Time!!** Ask God to give you the patience you need to become empowered to do what you must do when it's your time. There will always be times when other people receive their dues and you are forced to wait your turn. This is not injustice; it is order. There is nothing unjust about order. But after I have waited my turn and paid my dues, there comes a time when **It Is All Mine**; The most frightening thing I can think of is the possibility of missing MY TIME. If you have planted the seeds of a promise and watered them thoroughly with the tears of struggle, then this is your time. Woe unto the person who plants seeds without water. The tears of struggle become the irrigation of the Holy Spirit. It is through your own tear-filled struggles that God directs the waters of life to the fields of your dreams.

**They That Sow In Tears Shall Reap In Joy.** (Ps. 126:5) No matter how many people hold your hand, you still must shed your own tears. Others can cry with you, but they can't cry for you. That's bad news. The good news is there will be a harvest at the end of your tears.

You must know when you have shed enough tears. A certain amount of tears are necessary during the time of sowing. But when you have come into your harvest, don't let the devil keep you weeping. Tears are for the sower, but **joy** is for the harvester. (Ps.126:6) Harvest your field with joy. You've paid your dues and shed your tears-Now this is your time. It's your turn.

Everything has a season and a purpose (Ecc. 3:1) Psalms 1:3 teaches that the blessed person meditates on the Lord while he/she waits. It says that you bring forth fruit in your own season. (Ps. 1:3). It's good to recognize your season and prepare for it before it comes. But the fruit will not grow prior to its right season.

This is an exciting time for the prepared believer. God is working with you to let you know when it is your time. Do not let fear make you feel that your time is or will not come. (Ps. 84:11) Look back over your times of obscurity, when He was preparing you, and thank God that you are still here to attest to His sustaining power. Look around at the blessings that you have right now and then celebrate what God is about to do in your life. You are about to step into the greatest harvest of you life. When the news that's in your spirit gets in your mind, tears of joy will wet the runway for your take off.

You were created for this moment- -this moment was created for you.

Do you know what time it is -----? This Is Your Time!!

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