

# COURAGE

## LESSON 9 - "COURAGE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

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### WORSHIP (15 MINS)

**Venue:** Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

**Venue:** Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

### WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

**Ice-breaker:** 1. Have you ever asked yourself why you were born in the era or generation you're in? 2. If you had the choice to be born in a different generation, which one would you choose, and why?

### WORD(30-45 MINS)

**Main Text:** ESTHER 4:13-17 NLT

**Intro:** The Book of Esther is the only book in the Bible where God's name is never mentioned even once in the whole 10 chapters, yet His fingerprints are everywhere in the book. From Esther's rise to the throne to her courage to face the King on behalf of her people, her story is a display of the powerful presence of God. The book teaches that God is present even when He seems silent or absent. That God is working in the lives of His people even in times when we don't feel His presence, when we question His silence or absence. He is working things for our good even when we don't see it. Let us learn from the courage of Esther and how with God's powerful hand the Jewish people were saved from annihilation.

**1. God allows circumstances in our lives for a greater purpose than we can see at the moment.**

God placed us where we are for a reason and that is to build His kingdom, serve others, and walk out His plan. Even in times of struggle or in tough seasons, God is at work in our lives. By God's grace, Esther overcame her initial sense of unworthiness and realized that God had put her where she was at that time for a divine purpose.

**Q:** Have you ever found yourself asking questions like "Why this job?", "Why am I in Winnipeg, or "Why this school?" What has been your realizations?

**Q:** Has there been a time when you ever asked the Lord why you're going through a difficult season or why you are in a place you never wanted to be? What did you learn from that situation?

**2. God's plan will be accomplished even if we don't participate. - Esther 4:13-14 NLT**

God's purpose will be fulfilled with or without us in the picture but we each have unique opportunities to be part of His plan. If we hesitate or wait for a more comfortable moment, we may miss those "Esther moments" and the opportunities to step out in faith.

**Q:** Can you think of a time when you hesitated to act on an opportunity you felt was important? What held you back, and what was the outcome?

**3. Esther's total reliance on the King of Kings gave her the courage to face the King of Persia and risked her life. - Read Esther 4:15-16 NLT**

Esther relied fully on God, seeking prayer and fasting with her community, trusting His guidance in every step. She courageously risked her life, knowing deliverance would come only through God. In contrast, through Jesus, we now have bold and unlimited access to God's presence, receiving mercy and grace whenever we need it.

**Q:** What does it look like in your life to fully rely on God like Esther did, especially during challenging or uncertain situations?

**Q:** We have access to God through Jesus our Lord, how can we grow in confidence that His guidance and grace can help us in our daily lives?

**4. We need the help and support of other believers to accomplish God's plan.**

When Esther agreed to talk to the king, she knew it was a big risk, so she asked for all the Jewish people in Persia to join her in a fasting for this great undertaking.

**Q:** Who do you go to when you needed prayer and spiritual encouragement especially in difficult times?

**5. God is calling people who will fulfill His plan at "such a time as this."**

The urgency in Esther's time called for immediate action to save lives, and today this also carries a similar urgency. In a world facing growing challenges, believers are called to act now, fulfilling God's purpose and sharing the hope of eternal life with others. This is not a time for hesitation but for faithful obedience and courage. Each moment is an opportunity to make an eternal impact in the lives of others.

**Q:** Was there a time when you felt like you were hesitating to obey God in something He wanted you to do? What did you learn from that situation?

**Conclusion:**

Esther's courageous decision to risk her life for her people had a far greater impact than just saving them at that moment. It was not only about their survival for a season, it was part of God's much bigger plan.

As followers of Jesus, we are called by God to fulfill His plan for such a time as this just as it was urgent during Esther's time because thousands of Jewish lives were at stake, so it is in our times.

Every second, every minute, every hour, thousands of people are dying without hope of eternal life. We have been granted eternal life ourselves and God also wants to grant eternal life to millions of other people, but this time... through us.

### WORK(15 MINS)

**Application**

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.

2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer