

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** “For Such a Time as This”

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**Text:** Esther 4:14



### ESTHER 4:14

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?”

**Objective:** To encourage Christ-followers that God is present, even in chaos.

### **Points to the Message:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Esther 1

- More than three-quarters of adults report symptoms of stress, including headache, tiredness, or sleeping problems. (American Psychological Association, 2019)
- Eighty percent of U.S. workers say they experience stress on the job. (American Institute of Stress)
- Nearly half of all U.S. adults (49%) say that stress has negatively affected their behavior (American Psychological Association, 2022)

### Psalms 34:18

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

God still uses us (even when we are a mess) Psalm 46:1-4 ESV

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

God is present, even when we don’t see him James 1:2-4 ESV

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

<sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

<sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Esther 4:14

Jeremiah 29:11-13 ESV

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare<sup>[a]</sup> and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Esther 4:15-16

Daniel 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

Isaiah 41:10 ESV

<sup>10</sup> fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

1 John 4:4 ESV

<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

*“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.”  
~Mark Twain*

*“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”  
~Nelson Mandela*

**TAKE AWAY:**

We must remain courageous in times such as these because God is still present and in control, even when we don't see him.

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