
**Equipped to Serve: Serving During a Critical Moment
Esther 4:12-17**

¹² So they told Mordecai Esther's words:

¹³ And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in [a]Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

¹⁷ So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

God Has A Specific Plan That May Place You In Specific Positions for a Divine Purpose (v. 9)

God's Plans and Purposes Will Prevail (V. 14a)

- No human interaction is necessary

God's Plan Requires That We Are Accountable For Our Role in His Plans (v. 16c)

- Whether you decide you are going to fulfill God's plan is up to you

God's Plan Calls for Humility, Faith, Courage, and Surrender (v. 16d, 17)

- Your equipping will require you to eventually be what God has called you to be
- Do not move against what God has planned for you
- Your obedience may be tied to someone else

Are you prepared to sacrifice yourself for what God has planned for you?

"God always has checkmate." – Minister Alan Thompson