

The Book of Esther: For Such a Time as This

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--Esther and the Bible present a crucial concept: Your _____
is about something bigger than you can see. (v. 14)

--There are fates worse than death (v. 16)

--The _____ of where you are

--The citadel: The Height of the Empire (culture)

--God uses people in the secular, cultural institutions

--Joseph, Daniel, Esther

--Goal of God: God cleanses and perfects this material world (Revelation)

--Relationships with God, with each other, with nature need to be repaired—It takes everyone!

--Ezra—Teacher of the _____; Nehemiah—Lay Person, _____;

Esther—_____, child of the culture

--The _____ of where you are

--Esther's first response: I can't do it! (v. 11) Don't you know what you are asking?!

--You can risk losing your place in the palace OR you can risk losing everything

--If you don't see your position as one of service, but as a way to feather your own nest, you are already
in a prison palace (Luke 16—The Rich Man and Lazarus)

--Using your placement for _____ is the Danger

--How to live in _____ where you are

--Esther is a sign post

--Mediation and Identification

--Philippians 2

--We are called to identify with the poor—those living outside of the palace

--We are called to exciting mission—Ephesians 2:8-9

--We are called to unconditional obedience

--Jesus is not our personal assistant; He is the Ruler of the Universe

--We are called to _____

--Not by trying to be great but by following Jesus in service