

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 royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 (NIV)

A Time Such As This

Is this a special time? Have you been preparing me for a time such as this? **That's a very good question.** Do you have an answer for me? **What do you think?** I'm not sure. **Can you imagine what I want you to do?** I'm guessing that you want me to always live with these questions. **That's a very good guess.** You want me to think about what you want me to say and do at this time and in every moment of my life. There is not a time or moment when you don't want me to be ready to speak and to act. You will continually give me things to say and do for you. **Yes, I will.** There are no times that aren't special to you. All the time you have given to me is to be used for your kingdom and glory. **Yes, I do want you to be ready to serve me at all times. Don't ever think that you are off duty.** I get that.

You must also know that I will be teaching and training and preparing you for special times of ministry. You will not know what is coming next. You will not know how I will use you. You must trust that I will use you. You must believe that I have been preparing you. I will use one thing after another to prepare you for what I will give you to say and do for me. You must not lose heart while you wait for the opportunities that I will give to you. Keep a watchful eye open. Give a listening ear to what you hear. Be ready and willing to serve me. Don't run ahead of me. Don't lag behind me. Follow me to where I lead you. Don't shrink back when your opportunity to serve me unfolds before you. Remember that I have been teaching you. Remember that I have been training you. Remember that I have been preparing you for "a time such as this". You will be able to look back and see and know how I have made you ready. I will have made everything to fall in place so that you can go and serve me. Make sure that you are ready and willing to say yes to me when your calling for "a time such this" is upon you. Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, thank you for preparing me for the role in which you have placed me. I will watch and wait and listen so that I will know what you have given me to say and do for you. Use me to bless others as I bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

If *You Remain Silent*

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 royal position for such a time as this?"

NIV Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Silent*

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

ESV Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Quiet*

If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

NLT Esther 4:14

If *You Remain Completely Silent*

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?"

NKJV Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Silence*

For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

NRSV Esther 4:14

If *Persist In Staying Silent*

If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else; but you and your family will be wiped out. Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this."

MSG Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Silent*

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for the Jews from elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?"

AMP Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Quiet*

If you keep quiet at a time like this, God will deliver the Jews from some other source, but you and your relatives will die; what's more, who can say but that God has brought you into the palace for just such a time as this?"

TLB Esther 4:14

If *You Remain Silent*

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

NASB Esther 4:14

If *You Keep Quiet*

If you keep quiet at this time, someone else will help and save the Jewish people, but you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this."

NCV Esther 4:14

You Remain Silent

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – Esther 4:14

In Context: *Read Esther 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you for preparing me for the role in which you have placed me. I will watch and wait and listen so that I will know what you have given me to say and do for you. Use me to bless others as I bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you watching and waiting and listening so you will know how the Lord wants to use you?

How has the Lord uniquely prepared you for the role in which He has placed you?

What could be the consequences for you not fulfilling the role that you have been given?

When has the Lord given you something unique to say and do for Him?

How has the Lord used you to change something about the course of events around you?

How has the Lord used you to bless the lives of others around you through your words and deeds?

How has the Lord been able to bear fruit through your life because you did what He asked of you?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Watch and wait and listen to the Lord so that you will know what He has given you to say and do for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you things to say and do for Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used you to uniquely bless the lives of others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you fulfill the role that God has given you by speaking the words he gives you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will fulfill the role you have given me by speaking the words you give me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what words do you want me to speak for your today?
