

# SERMON NOTES

August 20 & 21, 2022

## It's Your Time | Shadow Mission *Esther*

*Shadow Mission:* Something \_\_\_\_\_,  
or \_\_\_\_\_ around which I am tempted to center my life.

*God Mission:* Something \_\_\_\_\_.

1. My shadow mission is somewhere in the difference between who \_\_\_\_\_  
and who \_\_\_\_\_. **Esther 1:1-7**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome my shadow mission.  
**Esther 1: 10-12a**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ has a shadow mission and a God mission.  
**Esther 1: 12b-13; 19-20**

4. My God mission is to \_\_\_\_\_; My shadow mission  
is the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 1:28; 3:5**

5. Jesus' shadow mission was to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Matthew 4:1-11; 26: 36-44**

6. I can only overcome my shadow mission by \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ God has for me.

### Homework:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ shadow mission?

2. What is the shadow mission of my \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_,  
my \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_.

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**Esther 1:1-12**

*Reflect:* Describe King Xerxes' shadow mission and how he lived it out. Describe Queen Vashti. How did she affect Xerxes' shadow mission? What was your key message take away?

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, thank you for never straying from your mission to love us.

## Tuesday

**Esther 1:13-20**

*Reflect:* What is the role of King Xerxes' advisors in his shadow mission? Who are the advisors in your circle? Are they confident, consistent, courageous? (Be Cool: My Character)

*Prayer:* God of unlimited power, when I walk in the shadows of who you created me to be, thank you for keeping your cool with me. Guide me with the light of your grace and love.

## Wednesday

**Genesis 1:27-28 | 3:1-5**

*Reflect:* What was God's original mission for man and woman? What shadow mission did Satan inspire? How does Satan's shadow mission for humanity manifest itself in the world? In you?

*Prayer:* Forgive me God, for I have strayed into the shadows, not loving others the way you love me.

## Thursday

**Esther 1:19-22**

*Reflect:* If you are married, or in any committed relationship, even work relationships, what might be the shadow mission of those relationships? Refer to your message notes as needed.

*Prayer:* God of perfect light, show me how to get back to my true mission in my key relationships.

## Friday

**Matthew 4:1-11 | 26:36-44**

*Reflect:* "Time and time again the temptation came to Jesus from many directions to choose some less costly way to fulfill His mission than the way of suffering and death, but He resisted it to the end."

- F. F. Bruce How does this statement impact or inspire you? What is your shadow mission?

*Prayer:* Thank you God for sending Jesus to teach how to live on mission in the midst of temptation and the shadows of evil.

## Saturday

**I Peter 2:9-10**

*Reflect:* What are your thoughts about the following statements? "You will never be able to avoid your shadow mission by trying to avoid your shadow mission. It must be replaced by a new and more noble and more compelling mission, the one for which God created you."

*Prayer:* Creator God, show me how I can serve you and your mission.

## Sunday

**Genesis 12:1-9**

*Reflect:* What does this passage teach us about the nature of our God mission?

*Prayer:* God of purpose and laser focus, show me and my household in the coming week your mission for our lives.