

SERMON NOTES

August 27 & 28, 2022

It's Your Time | Not Your Fault *Esther 1-5*

Shadow Mission:

Something unworthy, dark and/or selfish around which I am tempted to center my life.

God Mission:

Something in my life God uses to change the world for the better.

Career: About _____.

Calling: About _____.

Xerxes - King of Persia

Vashti - Xerxes' Queen who forfeited her position

Haman - Xerxes' top advisor

Esther - Jewish orphan living in exile

Mordecai - Esther's cousin and caretaker

How to Discover My God Mission

1. Who _____ in my life?

2. What's _____ to which God has called me?

3. What are _____ to that position?

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4. What are the current _____ or _____?

5. Have an extended time of _____ and _____
to ask God for _____ and _____ about my life mission.

Life Steps

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Monday

Esther 1

Reflect: What is the Shadow Mission of King Xerxes? The experts in the law? What is your shadow mission and how has it impacted your life?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Tuesday

Esther 2: 1-18

Reflect: Put yourself in the shoes of the women who were sent to the King to represent their province. What is going through your mind? What is King Xerxes looking for in a new queen? What are you looking for from your spouse, prospective spouse or best friend?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Wednesday

Esther 2:19-23

Reflect: Who is the spiritual friend who serves as your Mordecai? Why did you choose him or her? Send them a note or prayer text right now thanking them for their presence in your life. If you do not have a Mordecai in your life, ask God to provide.

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Thursday

Esther 3:1-15

Reflect: What is the situation for the Hebrew people? What are the situations/needs/issues in the world and our present day culture that most touch your heart?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Friday

Esther 4:1-11

Reflect: How does Queen Esther first respond to Mordecai's request? What was her Shadow Mission? What is God saying to you in this passage?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Saturday

Esther 4:12-5:1

Reflect: How does this passage help you understand the difference between a career and a calling? "It's not your fault but it's your time." What situation in the world makes that observation true for you?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.

Sunday

Esther 4:1-5:1

Reflect: What is the position God has called you to or what is your sphere of influence? What are your spiritual gifts, temperament, education, experiences, network of connections, wounds, possessions, time? Like Esther, what is God's purpose for you regarding these things?

Prayer: God of eternal wisdom, grant me the strength and courage to seek your will and calling today and every day.