



Profiles in Courage: Pt.4, Esther - God's Purposes

Each person has been uniquely enabled by God to do his work. You are who you are for a purpose. It's not just who we are that matters, it is also the circumstances of our lives that matter. Our when is hugely important and should not be forgotten. There are unprecedented national and world events happening with so many opportunities for concerned and compassionate Christians to speak up in truth and make an impact in the community around them. To do that, Christians must show courage in the face of opposition and fear.

Bottom Line: Courage acts in the face of fear while trusting God for the outcome.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe yourself in three words. Any three words, don't use sentences to explain them.
2. What is something unique about you that others might not realize?
3. How would you define courage?
4. Name an individual or individuals that significantly influenced the course of history. Describe how they did it.
5. **Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 & 10-13.** Describe, in your own words, what the Apostle Paul was telling Timothy in these verses. What instructions does Paul give to Christians? How is the current culture similar to what Paul is describing? How can we do what Paul is saying?
6. In the message, James said, "Following Jesus requires courage." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why? Give an example if you can.
7. **Read Esther 4:13-16.** Mordecai is telling Esther that her people are going to be destroyed if she doesn't do something. Esther had two choices to make - remain silent or go to the king. She chose to go to the king after 3 days of fasting and prayer. She showed courage in the face of fear and trusted God to deliver her people even if it meant her death. What step of faith do you need to take while trusting God for the outcome?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.