



**For Such a Time as This**

Esther 4:14

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*"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?"*

- I. Circumstances had placed God's people and Esther in a seemingly impossible situation (Esther, Chapter 4)
  
- II. Four realities will be at work in circumstances such as these:
  - 1) The evil course of others (Genesis 50:20)
  
  - 2) The condition of the world (Romans 8:19)
  
  - 3) The consequences of choices (Proverbs 6:10; James 3:16)
  
  - 4) God at work in them all

III. Four responses will guide us through them:

- 1) Pray and seek the help of others (Esther 4:16a)
  
- 2) Loosen your grip (Esther 4:16b)
  
- 3) Take action and step out in faith (Esther 5:1)
  
- 4) Use what God has given: His Word and His Wisdom (Esther 5:4ff)