

Your Finest Hour Esther 3:6, 13; 4:1 – 10:3

Winston Churchill is quoted as saying this: *“There comes a special moment in everyone’s life, a moment for which that person was born. That special opportunity, when he seizes it, will fulfill his mission – a mission for which he is uniquely qualified. In that moment he finds greatness. It is his finest hour.”*

Is your “finest hour” ahead of you, or behind you? Have you found your “unique qualification”, or are you still searching? The greatest need in America amount both men and women, but greatest among men is the search for significance. We will spend millions of dollars on clothes, cars, and companions, just to look like we have significance. It is all really just a façade and a fake. We often times think we are the only one who knows the truth. But God has a way of showing us true significance. Let me suggest a few things for you to consider.

If you do not find out your unique opportunity and seize the moment. . . .

1. ***You will become just like everyone else. Vs. 4:13*** Esther was to be considered a Jew just like everyone else and would have been killed with the rest, had she not seized the moment.
2. ***You may lose more than just an opportunity. Vs. 4:13b*** Had Esther not spoken to the King, she more than likely would have lost her life with the rest of her people. Sometimes it is taking the risk that is the safest plan.
3. ***God will use someone else in your place. Vs. 4:14a*** If Esther had not seized the moment, God would have raised up someone else to do the job. God’s plan is never stopped because we stop.
4. ***You just might miss out on the experience of a lifetime. Vs 4:14b***
Just think; if Esther had not been bold and taken a risk, she would not have saved her people. Who said women are powerful. She seized the moment and she took a huge risk, and God honored that with a great mission for her and success.

If you are looking for significance, I want you to look at these 5 considerations and see how you can apply them to your own situation. You must consider. . .

1. **The *Needs Around* you – vs. 4:1-5** look around you and keep your figure on the pulse of those you work with and for.
2. **The *Opportunities Before* you – vs. 4:13-14** If you look even just a little you will find opportunities abound for you to shine. They are there and they need your help.
3. **The *Influences Behind* you – vs. 2:11** Make sure that the ones you trust the most agree that you are gifted in that area and that your timing is right. Make sure that your trusted ones are not just “yes” friends.
4. **The *Success Under* you – vs. 2:10; 15c; 17; 20** There is nothing like success to encourage you. Look back on your successes, not failures, to see how God brought you through those dark times of discouragement and how through His grace and mercy, you persevered and then prevailed.
5. **The *Courage Within* you – vs. 4:16; 11** Everything we do these days requires courage. Courage comes from the French word for “heart”. Being courageous requires “heart” and the “heart” to see something through to its finish even when the going gets tough. A “good heart” that is courageous on not one that lacks fear, but one that keeps the “eye on the prize” in the face of fear. God will provide.

What is your Finest Hour? Has it already come? Is it still far away, but within sight? Are you still looking for it? Will you be up to the test? Can you withstand the test of courage? What will you base your courage upon? Is your foundation strong enough? These questions could go on, but the only question that matters is, **“in whom are your trusting your eternal life to?”** God and His Son Jesus Christ? Or something else? If not Christ, why not make it today?