

Day 1: God's Providence in Imperfect Lives Reading: Esther 2:5-18 Devotional: Just as God positioned Esther, an orphaned Jewish girl, to become queen of Persia, He also strategically places us in our current circumstances. Reflect on how God might be using your unique position - at work, in your family, or community - for His purposes. Remember, you don't need to be perfect to be used by God. Your flaws and struggles don't disqualify you; rather, they allow God's power to shine through your weakness. Today, consider how you can be open to God's leading in the seemingly ordinary aspects of your life.

Day 2: Courage in the Face of Fear Reading: Esther 4:1-17 Devotional: Esther faced a terrifying choice: risk her life by approaching the king uninvited or remain silent while her people faced destruction. Her response, "If I perish, I perish," demonstrates courage born not from fearlessness, but from faith. What fears are holding you back from fully following God's call? Remember, "the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). Today, identify one area where fear is limiting your obedience, and take a small step of faith, trusting in God's strength rather than your own.

Day 3: Recognizing Our "For Such a Time as This" Moments Reading: Esther 4:12-14; Acts 17:26-27 Devotional: Mordecai's famous words to Esther, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" remind us that God has divine appointments for each of us. Your current circumstances, relationships, and challenges are not random. God has positioned you uniquely to make a difference. Reflect on your life right now. What situations or relationships might God be calling you to impact? Ask God to open your eyes to the "such a time as this" moments He's prepared for you today.

Day 4: Taking Holy Risks for God's Glory Reading: Daniel 3:8-18; Matthew 16:24-26 Devotional: The sermon emphasized that "it is right to risk for the cause of God." Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego exemplified this when they refused to bow to the king's idol, risking their lives for their faith. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and take up our cross. What does it mean for you to take a "holy risk" in your current situation? It might involve sharing your faith with a colleague, forgiving someone who hurt you, or stepping out in a new area of ministry. Today, pray for the courage to step out of your comfort zone for God's glory, trusting that He is with you even if you "perish" (lose status, comfort, or worldly security).

Day 5: From "Someone Ought to" to "Here Am I" Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8; James 1:22-25 Devotional: The sermon described "sod-sat moments" - recognizing that "Somebody ought to do something about that." Isaiah's vision led him from observing God's holiness to responding, "Here am I. Send me!" James warns against being merely hearers of the Word and not doers. What injustices, needs, or spiritual darkness have you noticed around you? Instead of waiting for someone else to act, how can you be the one to step forward? Today, ask God to move you from recognizing needs to actively responding to His call. Commit to one specific action that addresses a "sod-sat" moment in your life or community.