

# HEAVEN ON EARTH

**SERMON TITLE:**

For A Time Such As This

**DATE:**

9 August 2020

## WORD

**Read Esther 4:14**

### **1. GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SERVICE!**

*Esther tells the story of an ordinary person who fulfils an extraordinary leadership challenge in an unlikely context.*

**But God raised her up at exactly the right time:**

God put Esther and Mordecai just where they needed to be, at just the time they needed to be there, **to bring about His salvation.**

- That from all the beautiful women in the land, the king loves Esther the best is not mere coincidence.
- That Mordecai uncovers a plot to kill the king is not by chance.

God always takes the initiative in executing His plan. Then He looks for a person who will submit to Him, makes that person aware of a need, and the need quickly becomes the personal burden of the person God has chosen.

- **Esther IDENTIFIES herself with her people**
- **Esther takes on the SERVICE of intervening with the king.**  
She risks her position, her possessions, her life.  
Her high position now becomes a means of service, instead of self-service.
- **Esther gave up her RIGHT TO LIVE in order to save the nation from certain death.**

God has other people whom he wants to deliver from the fear of judgment. He has put each one of us in a **unique place, at just the right time**, where we can be used to bring about that deliverance.

**Look at your surroundings. How can God use you?**

God makes use of the actual circumstances of our lives.

Esther's position gives her unique opportunities to serve God.

Mordecai's position gives him different opportunities.

**Their mission was always to SAVE the life that the enemy planned to destroy.**

As a result, they led a nation into freedom, were honoured by the king and given greater authority, privileges, and responsibilities.

Rather than saying, "I would do something great for God, if only I had the opportunity,"  
**We should say, "Perhaps I have come into this position for a time such as this."**

**We are Christ's ambassadors.**

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

### **2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN (SUPREME) IN YOUR LIFE!**

**(He has the highest rank and authority and is the very greatest)**

**Read Ecclesiastes 3:11**

**God is the hero who saves and protects His own, often using ordinary people and events.**

**The lesson for us is that God is at work in our lives, too!!**

We may not always see His hand, but He is acting on our behalf for our good, in events large and small, each day of our lives.

**This challenges us to ask how God might be at work in ways we don't recognize.**

### **3. YOUR LIFE MATTERS AND YOU ARE VALUABLE!**

Women love Jesus and serve Him because He loved them.

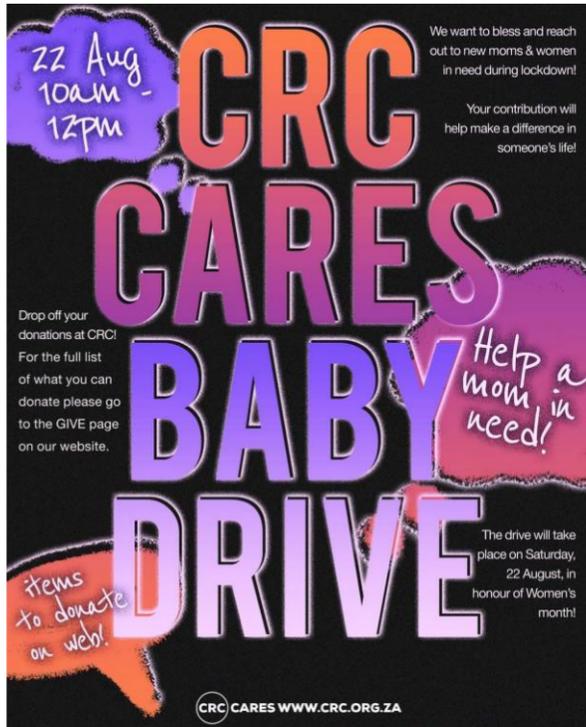
And because Jesus still loves women today, we can expect women to play a significant role in the Church and society.

OWN NOTES:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday 9:30am - Pastor Naas Vermaak Live on Facebook! – Invite your world to watch!**

**Prayer & Intercession via Zoom with Pastor Naas: Thursday Evening @ 18:30**



## WORKS

Encourage one another to keep inviting people to join your homecell and our services online.

Let's stay attentive to the needs of the people in our world.

Let's continue to be vigilant in WINNING THE LOST AT ANY COST!